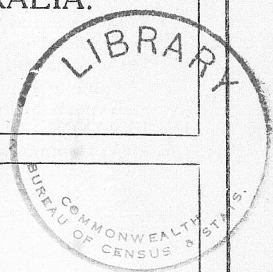
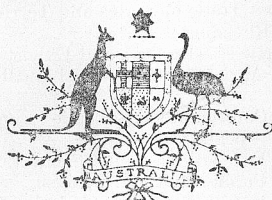


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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th June, 1944.			Population—Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1941
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,437,380	1,433,576	2,870,956	1,337,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	987,347	1,010,457	1,997,804	1,107,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	549,682	515,732	1,065,414	344,200
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	308,209	313,789	621,998	350,000
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	252,508	232,899	485,407	230,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	123,892	121,542	245,434	67,900
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,050	1,129	5,179	2,400
A.C.T. . .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,145	7,300	14,445	12,200
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,670,213	3,636,424	7,306,637	3,450,700

(a) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1939	2,762,789	1,886,256	1,019,133	598,910	468,833	242,524	6,212	12,669	6,997,326
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,209	14,086	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	241,681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622
1943a	2,845,930	1,995,769	1,058,094	620,698	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441

(a) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1939	2,748,192	1,881,854	1,013,710	596,371	465,531	238,097	5,999	12,092	6,961,846
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,119	473,819	239,824	6,276	14,705	7,102,053
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

(c) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th June, 1944.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths. (a)			Marriages.
	Males	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	7,555	7,077	14,632	3,788	3,176	6,964	7,001
Victoria ..	4,836	4,679	9,515	2,747	2,465	5,212	4,794
Queensland ..	3,135	3,039	6,174	1,384	1,014	2,398	3,016
South Australia ..	1,665	1,550	3,215	836	711	1,547	1,699
Western Australia	1,364	1,254	2,618	652	420	1,072	1,202
Tasmania ..	660	558	1,218	345	282	627	559
Northern Territory	12	9	21	8	..	8	10
Australian Capital Territory ..	48	47	95	11	6	17	27
Australia ..	19,275	18,213	37,488	9,771	8,074	17,845	18,308

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—	
					1943.	1944.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	49,382	51,729	52,647	57,265	26,835	29,779
Victoria ..	31,962	34,406	35,927	39,117	18,030	19,583
Queensland ..	20,412	21,519	21,166	23,234	10,845	12,330
South Australia ..	10,017	10,965	11,278	13,145	6,327	6,475
Western Australia ..	9,121	10,118	9,901	10,481	4,859	5,379
Tasmania ..	4,994	5,206	5,305	5,597	2,487	2,605
Northern Territory ..	173	216	92	80	37	44
Australian Capital Territory	286	366	392	376	167	191
Australia ..	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295	69,587	76,386

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16	18.89	20.75
Victoria ..	16.79	17.77	18.28	19.75	18.21	19.60
Queensland ..	19.89	20.74	20.39	22.09	20.63	23.15
South Australia ..	16.72	18.21	18.46	21.36	20.56	20.82
Western Australia ..	19.37	21.35	20.68	21.85	20.26	22.16
Tasmania ..	20.77	21.71	22.04	23.10	20.52	21.23
Northern Territory ..	27.66	34.42	18.81	15.55	14.39	16.99
Australian Capital Territory	21.10	24.89	26.80	26.64	23.66	26.45
Australia ..	17.97	18.94	19.06	20.65	19.25	20.91

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—	
					1943.	1944.

DEATHS(*a*)—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,143	27,300	29,219	28,870	13,318	12,948
Victoria ..	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327	9,824	9,570
Queensland ..	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576	4,871	4,663
South Australia ..	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482	3,077	2,780
Western Australia ..	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587	2,158	2,126
Tasmania ..	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,527	1,182	1,161
Northern Territory ..	86	122	83	49	23	19
Australian Capital Territory	78	70	76	68	29	31
Australia ..	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,486	34,482	33,298

(*a*) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(<i>a</i>)	(<i>b</i>)	(<i>b</i>)
New South Wales ..	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16	9.37	9.02
Victoria ..	10.66	10.60	11.18	10.77	9.92	9.58
Queensland ..	8.97	9.19	9.27	10.06	9.26	8.75
South Australia ..	9.53	10.44	10.99	10.53	10.00	8.94
Western Australia ..	9.53	10.07	10.60	9.56	9.00	8.76
Tasmania ..	9.93	10.74	10.09	10.43	9.75	9.46
Northern Territory ..	13.75	17.44	16.97	9.53	8.94	7.34
Australian Capital Territory	5.75	4.76	5.20	4.82	4.11	4.29
Australia ..	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.30	9.54	9.11

(*a*) Preliminary rates.

(*b*) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302	13,984	13,684
Victoria ..	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,356	9,639	8,895
Queensland ..	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979	5,103	5,529
South Australia ..	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263	3,472	3,165
Western Australia ..	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528	2,471	2,387
Tasmania ..	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102	1,214	965
Northern Territory ..	154	179	53	46	22	15
Australian Capital Territory	125	121	115	97	50	45
Australia ..	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673	35,955	34,685

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—	
					1943.	1944.

MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	10.95	10.74	12.25	9.26	9.84	9.53
Victoria ..	11.71	10.79	12.03	9.27	9.73	8.90
Queensland ..	10.03	9.53	11.29	9.49	9.70	10.38
South Australia ..	11.60	11.38	13.31	10.18	11.28	10.18
Western Australia ..	11.11	10.72	11.37	9.44	10.30	9.84
Tasmania ..	10.30	8.96	10.10	8.67	10.02	7.86
Northern Territory ..	24.62	28.52	10.84	8.94	8.55	5.79
Australian Capital Territory	9.22	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.08	6.23
Australia ..	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.95	9.49

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,927	2,264	2,116	2,061	988	833
Victoria ..	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,399	650	612
Queensland ..	721	842	736	879	428	418
South Australia ..	356	356	448	482	248	174
Western Australia ..	403	357	365	342	171	171
Tasmania ..	176	255	225	227	98	93
Northern Territory ..	8	18	4	6	4	1
Australian Capital Territory	3	6	9	7	3	6
Australia ..	4,855	5,344	5,400	5,403	2,590	2,308

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	39.02	43.77	40.17	35.99	36.82	27.97
Victoria ..	39.45	36.21	41.67	35.76	36.05	31.25
Queensland ..	35.32	39.13	34.73	37.83	39.47	33.90
South Australia ..	35.54	32.47	39.72	36.67	39.20	26.87
Western Australia ..	44.18	35.28	36.86	32.63	35.19	31.79
Tasmania ..	35.24	48.98	42.41	40.56	39.40	35.70
Northern Territory ..	46.24	83.33	43.48	75.00	108.11	22.73
Australian Capital Territory	10.49	16.39	22.96	18.62	17.96	31.41
Australia ..	38.43	39.72	39.50	36.19	37.22	30.21

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,155	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44(a) ..	7,860,470	1,413,682	282,685	2,046,869	336,440	15,883,546

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,467
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44(a) ..	109,558,721	17,694,047	7,432,169	2,716,936	3,687,981	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.96
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.68	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.28	19.47	2.70
1943-44(b) ..	13.94	12.52	26.30	1.33	16.09	(c)

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Not yet available.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,308	1,533,816	1,552,358	4,840	1,418	7,860,470

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,088,492	20,690,471	16,384,944	122,141	39,351	109,558,721

PRODUCTION.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.23	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.09	13.49	10.55	25.24	27.75	13.94

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania. (a)	N.Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
SHEEP.									
1938	61,563,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,877,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,391
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,787,000	20,598,201	25,136,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	62,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944c	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	25,575	274,642	123,173,962

CATTLE.

1938	8,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,312	891,640	8,825	13,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,793	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,967	14,005,320
1944c	3,102,295	2,013,033	6,524,550	414,997	870,939	230,127	978,569	7,890	14,142,400

HORSES.

1938	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1939	531,355	343,823	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	30,534	1,151	1,449,199

PIGS.

1938	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1,100,082
1939	377,344	262,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	483	801	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	532	779	1,503,000
1944c	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	191	657	1,746,721

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	615,766,368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,131	617,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,855	15,598,509	35,000	1,023,390,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	619,458,589	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,505,998	179,125,626	619,570,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	6214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,123	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	204,119,026	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,158,654
1942-43	499,443,153	212,325,163	213,966,182	108,637,004	99,231,000	17,256,000	308,000	1,151,166,507
(c)								

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Subject to revision.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,356	6	192,082
1938-39..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42..	39,831	62,763	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,530
1942-43..	43,873	55,926	50,675	9,180	6,893	4,505	6	171,058

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,633	..	25,271
1938-39..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40..	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42..	2,348	10,064	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,153
1942-43..	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,134

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	9,542	7,454	(a) 8,753	2,766	(a) 1,790	1,096	1	31,402
1938-39..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40..	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42..	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942-43..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802

(a) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,648,999	11,725,683	(b)	1,212,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943 ..	751,279	14,163,996	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,168	14,026,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,806	191,835	126,035	12,060,166
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864

SILVER AND LEAD.

1938 ..	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	35,585	23,916	358,966	..	5,623,665

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,362	893,080
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879

TIN.								
1938 ..	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,628
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017

COAL (Black and Brown).								
1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,734	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786

ALL MINERALS.								
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	62,628	17,179	40,003	248,751	549,926
1941-42(b) ..	94,451	120,000	64,856	18,671	41,257	306,426	645,661

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the tables following, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.
 (b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1933-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	186,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	498,346,600	352,020,656	850,348,656

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1940-41.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,972	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,300
2. Hands employed (a) .. £	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used .. £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production .. £	115,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. „ output of fact's. £	285,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings £	61,886,528	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & mchry. £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

1941-42.

1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed (a) .. £	298,245	258,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,656	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,568	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,228	705,746	23,459,463
5. „ materials used .. £	189,469,148	140,198,887	49,384,624	33,264,628	12,452,275	8,390,918	433,160,480
6. „ production .. £	138,790,351	110,937,614	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. „ output of fact's. £	339,488,312	257,281,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,952,034	16,311,002	773,058,971
8. „ land & buildings £	65,015,509	50,091,565	13,082,394	16,665,329	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. „ plant & mchry. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	169,179,792

1942-43.(c)

1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	2,641	2,134	1,799	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) .. £	315,524	262,358	64,292	72,748	25,813	18,310	759,045
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,207,663	6,614,447	2,105,774	2,469,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,626,522
5. „ materials used .. £	207,599,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,868	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. „ production .. £	153,682,262	121,391,367	29,044,560	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	352,002,056
7. „ output of fact's. £	373,489,055	277,635,940	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,703,930	850,348,656
8. „ land & buildings £	72,622,902	52,642,052	13,159,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,195	167,593,947
9. „ plant & mchry. £	73,121,771	51,963,258	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,330	176,965,326

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(c) Subject to slight revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.(a)
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,992	5,043,168
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,965
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,034	29,111,775
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	1,034,742	1,274,021	1,315,010	931,516
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	14,070,938	17,936,299	20,953,759	21,812,445
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,807,146	4,465,300	5,156,273	5,473,293
VIII. Clothing ..	17,458,783	19,638,286	23,634,446	23,181,403
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,842,302
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	10,080,839	11,371,496	12,971,441	13,427,479
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,863,463	4,061,659
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,238,875
XIII. Rubber ..	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,463	3,647,766
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	141,324	169,337	190,238	158,484
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,432,047	2,788,046	4,009,285	4,665,317
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	12,214,334	11,580,892	12,509,781	13,344,520
Total ..	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	23.80	26.31	19.41	28.48	24.22	23.91	24.56
Fuel and Light ..	3.27	2.38	2.44	3.65	5.38	4.23	3.83
Materials used ..	55.58	53.89	63.87	54.38	51.78	52.59	55.59
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.35	17.42	14.28	13.49	18.62	19.27	16.02
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.85	60.17	57.63	67.87	56.55	55.39	59.34

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.40	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1942-43.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	223,669	175,341	50,324	52,793	19,501	13,941	535,569
Females ..	91,855	87,017	13,967	19,955	6,312	4,369	223,475
Masculinity(a) ..	244	202	360	265	309	319	240

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.
SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1939-40 ..	5,609,482	856,183	6,465,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41 ..	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42(a) ..	4,657,455	533,031	5,190,486	4,496,127	1,103,876	5,600,003

(a) Incomplete, excludes vessels carrying war material only.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. (,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1941-42.								
New South Wales ..	2,926	699	1,357	749	3,694	654	1,090	559
Victoria ..	2,676	394	1,030	813	726	360	430	516
Queensland ..	323	301	371	63	461	227	389	65
South Australia ..	1,108	263	373	85	2,614	183	544	56
Western Australia ..	232	180	538	38	53	91	376	94
Tasmania ..	316	269	51	7	551	387	29	10
Northern Territory ..	1	45	30	2	..	2	..	..
Total (a) ..	7,582	2,151	3,750	1,757	8,099	1,904	2,858	1,300
Total 1940-41 ..	7,556	2,330	2,958	1,772	7,999	1,966	4,037	1,250
" 1939-40 ..	7,031	2,339	3,721	2,495	7,141	2,078	4,781	963
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
" 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088

(a) Incomplete. Excludes cargo on vessels carrying war materials only, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	..	..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. " "
Mutton ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. " "
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar (Raw) ..	..	..	..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	..	..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Dried Fruits ..	..	..	..	..	85s. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	..	..	..	..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	..	..	..	6s. " " "
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	..	..	..	..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	150s. 9d. " " "
*Oats, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	160s. " " "
*Maize, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	..	149s. " " "
*Flour, Wheaten ..	..	..	..	..	145s. 6d. " " "
*Bran ..	..	..	..	..	164s. " " "
*Pollard ..	..	..	..	..	155s. " " "
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	..	..	..	155s. " " "
WINE ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf ..	..	..	..	..	¾d. per lb.
Sheep ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " "
Other ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " "
Pearl-shell ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Tops ..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " "

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning ..	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra ..	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 30th September, 1944—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—					
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	187s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Oils, Eucalyptus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. " " "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES					
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	56s. " " "
*Other than above .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
Dust (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	252s. " " "
Sheet (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110s. " " "
*Copper .. .. .	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "
*Lead .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	111s. " " "
" " (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	127s. " " "
Tyres .. .. .	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d. " " "
Tin Clippings in Ingot form .. .. .	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d. " " "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUB- STITUTES THEREFOR—					
Rubber .. .. .	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather .. .. .	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40s. per 100 super. feet.
" " over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	43s. " " "
" " over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d. " " "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS					
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY					
.. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Casein .. .. .	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d. " " "
SPECIE .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25s. per cent.

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 30th September, 1944.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	..	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Sydney	31 0.6	..	..	..	29 8.4	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..	..	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	..	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	49 4.8	..
Hobart	50 8.4	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	28 7.2	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	47 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
New Hebrides .. .. .	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	116 9.0
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	103 3.0
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	101 3.0	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges :—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 83s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.—MERCHANDISE.

IMPORTS.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
New South Wales	51,448,678	46,032,964	54,150,437	84,980,736	98,858,220
Victoria	41,908,342	45,529,833	59,054,017	109,471,254	89,214,923
Queensland	8,755,948	6,338,886	7,058,810	7,548,542	12,755,603
South Australia	6,717,606	5,461,204	7,459,831	5,858,877	4,745,847
Western Australia	5,511,107	4,258,954	4,556,526	3,238,019	3,408,087
Tasmania	1,272,133	943,521	842,472	1,009,273	1,046,241
Northern Territory	61,691	84,694	139,889	..	..
Estimated unrecorded .. ..	..	..	16,093,815	12,277,880	..
Total	115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797	224,384,581	210,028,921

EXPORTS.(a)

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939 40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
New South Wales	53,003,739	49,622,072	55,556,813	54,258,522	54,079,117
Victoria	36,431,975	36,652,733	42,622,218	34,549,851	36,546,893
Queensland	32,195,195	25,245,247	21,206,300	18,623,507	17,889,204
South Australia	15,087,279	13,196,561	14,383,781	9,423,375	15,585,236
Western Australia	9,592,321	8,436,435	10,938,963	5,312,301	11,422,675
Tasmania	2,426,235	1,559,664	1,872,469	884,879	1,148,759
Northern Territory	12,814	24,865	13,314	..	..
Estimated unrecorded .. ..	..	..	12,644,640	2,500,000	10,000,000
Total (b)	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498	125,552,435	146,671,884

(a) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched. (b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10 2	16 10 8	15 3 0	4 5 16	19 6 6
1940-41	216,224,968	108,650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30 11 10	15 7 5	15 0 0	4 5 15	4 5 5
1941-42	276,564,178	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,493,831	127,208,381	38 15 0	20 18 6	17 12 3	0 4 3	17 16 6
1942-43	324,626,046	224,384,581	98,081,189	2,160,276	100,241,465	45 1 10	31 3 4	13 12 6	0 6 0	13 18 6
1943-44	327,132,221	210,028,921	113,787,268	3,316,092	117,103,360	44 15 9	28 15 1	15 11 7	0 9 1	16 0 8
1944-45 (Three months)	78,824,976	47,982,558	29,867,271	975,147	30,842,418	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983; 1942-43, £6,016,334; 1943-44, £8,474,514.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the September quarters of 1943 and 1944, the calendar years 1942 and 1943, and the financial years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

Division.	September Quarter.		Calendar Year.		Financial Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942.	1943.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	182,278	135,487	726,023	608,362	751,662	469,314
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,484,957	1,507,207	6,846,014	5,719,184	6,754,187	5,644,023
3. Sugar ..	33	..	17,254	223	195	73
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	191,039	198,702	784,711	704,036	778,099	614,036
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	290,144	273,552	1,985,719	1,077,971	1,354,856	1,008,432
6. Metals and Machinery ..	345,877	232,816	1,643,939	1,155,872	1,257,692	1,265,365
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	1,701,379	2,114,532	6,752,959	6,531,632	6,201,418	7,604,181
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	33,492	38,087	202,003	126,739	130,583	134,451
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	40,122	52,504	244,499	177,194	235,108	152,894
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	54,367	54,141	109,089	158,354	100,540	174,738
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	75,285	104,294	347,678	318,946	330,002	329,755
12. Leather and Rubber ..	59,695	70,850	230,336	280,876	228,710	275,860
13. Paper and Stationery ..	34,080	19,672	83,265	87,096	57,204	90,768
14. Vehicles ..	15,973	8,613	257,762	62,017	132,239	38,732
15. Musical Instruments ..	7	145	2,657	226	1,332	376
16. Miscellaneous ..	159,200	155,337	765,085	638,563	697,109	535,524
Primage ..	659,757	692,325	2,833,074	2,380,571	2,409,068	2,476,838
Ships' Stores ..	12,134	8,825	32,626	38,182	35,231	35,826
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	24,705	31,906	120,171	121,285	117,577	116,420
Special War Duty ..	240,019	214,883	1,141,154	850,998	975,489	824,588
Total Customs ..	5,604,543	5,973,878	25,126,018	21,038,327	22,548,301	21,790,194
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	4,714,971	4,913,644	16,401,048	21,096,982	19,632,696	21,615,974
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	67,726	67,295	373,042	314,562	339,336	318,930
Cigarette Papers ..	215,329	219,651	843,337	848,113	850,381	876,630
Matches ..	344,452	318,967	841,870	1,273,578	1,141,634	1,199,508
Petrol ..	118,942	70,321	629,941	423,632	403,214	370,956
Playing Cards ..	11,395	13,733	21,594	45,969	39,549	44,381
Spirits ..	1,504,491	1,415,131	3,510,636	5,292,790	4,629,199	5,424,690
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	4,497,741	4,069,906	14,697,729	16,960,040	17,030,758	17,189,269
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	40,338	55,481	235,677	252,205	274,343	246,615
Total Excise ..	11,515,385	11,144,129	37,554,874	46,507,871	44,341,110	47,281,953
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	17,119,928	17,118,007	62,680,892	67,546,198	66,889,411	69,072,147
Refunds and Draw-back paid ..	395,079	417,761	2,106,075	1,684,249	2,028,320	1,781,755
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	16,724,849	16,700,246	60,574,817	65,861,949	64,861,091	67,290,392

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision).

IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	142	306	526	486
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	20	19	98	97
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	..	6	16	3
Potted and Concentrated	14	1	50	45
Sausage Casings	7	14	115	42
Other .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Milk and Cream	1	1	7	8
Other Animal Foodstuffs	3	7	30	7
Total, Class I.	187	354	843	688
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter .. .. .	..	..	8	..
Cocoa and Chocolate	189	274	502	279
Coffee and Chicory	54	162	955	348
Confectionery .. .. .	..	1	3	4
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Fresh .. .. .	..	..	2	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid .. .. .	..	..	5	2
Ginger	1	..	1	2
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	65	55	335	235
Prepared—				
Rice .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Other .. .. .	..	4	28	3
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	7	3	24	18
Liquorice	6	3	22	23
Nuts, Edible	3	23	169	154
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	32	34	99	41
Spices	22	22	155	98
Sugar and Sugar Products	5	2	20	20
Tea	1,131	783	3,971	3,288
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	23	11	48	92
Total, Class II.	1,538	1,377	6,348	4,609
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	3	..	21	3
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Gin	5	..	12	6
Whisky	13	165	108	101
Other, including Liqueurs .. .. .	..	..	11	1
Wine—Fermented	1	..	..	1
Total, Class III.	22	165	152	112

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Tobacco—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Manufactured	16	..	112	36
Unmanufactured	1,187	948	1,280	4,213
Cigarettes	13	1	175	15
Total, Class IV.	1,216	949	1,567	4,264
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	7	13	6	31
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	11	6	18	24
Gut, natural .. .. .	..	..	2	1
Hair and Fibre	20	61	11	52
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	60	32	316	176
Sheep	1	..	1	2
Other	58	47	177	192
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	..	13	2
Wool	27	51	65	48
Other Animal Substances	4	3	21	16
Total, Class VI.	181	200	624	513
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	136	24	318	417
Cork and Cork Manufactures	10	28	149	77
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	199	349	1,274	1,123
Flax, Hemp, &c.	74	93	..	93
Kapok .. .. .	..	11	75	4
Other	74	151	435	400
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. .. .. .	..	26	4	24
Gums and Resins	142	105	588	627
Pulp for Paper-making	90	398	588	653
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	46	17	130	184
Linseed	143	257	687	761
Other	45	47	216	248
Tanning Substances	97	88	171	259
Other Vegetable Substances	1	2	3	5
Total, Class VII.	1,057	1,596	4,638	4,875
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Boots and Shoes	2	10	21	11
Buttons	16	5	34	40
Gloves .. .. .	..	..	38	..
Hats and Caps	2	18	4	12
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted) .. .. .	..	2	..	..
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted) .. .. .	..	1	4	2
Socks and Stockings	8	1	3	9
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. .. .	..	20	..	11
Trimmings and Ornaments	93	110	350	327
Other Apparel and Attire	131	65	321	762
Total, Class VIII.(a)	252	232	775	1,174

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Floor Coverings	1	1	145	9
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	6	..	53	15
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	68	23	252	168
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	1,005	340	1,417	2,992
Cotton and Linen	2,842	4,204	8,052	11,993
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	388	482	1,081	2,515
Lace for Attire, &c.	4	4	65	24
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,285	1,781	4,153	4,818
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	6	4	113	14
Woollens	66	92	162	296
Other	345	276	1,209	1,056
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	66	165	240	117
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	203	247	673	719
Towels and Towelling	49	97	353	265
Other Textiles	703	67	837	1,680
Total, Class VIII. (b)	7,037	7,783	18,805	26,681
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	86	106	269	274
Corn and Flour	738	725	2,236	1,615
Woolpacks	248	534	858	1,058
Other	56	10	339	94
Cordage and Twines	134	58	416	771
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	406	366	1,045	1,176
Cotton	214	358	1,085	945
Wool	4	18	8	6
Other	14	12	39	60
Total, Class VIII. (c)	1,900	2,187	6,295	5,999
Total, Class VIII.	9,189	10,202	25,875	33,854
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	78	74	251	245
Oils	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	158	133	440	434
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	3	1	7	6
Total, Class X.	161	134	447	440
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	136	68	160	318
Stones—				
Abrasives	100	59	338	397
Other	6	2	14	14
Other Minerals, &c.	207	299	885	703
Total, Class XI.	449	428	1,397	1,432

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	3	32	76	86
Cable and Wire, covered	139	236	1,014	1,015
Dynamo Electric Machines	168	369	559	478
Lamps, Filament	13	24	135	84
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	191	260	401	705
Other	599	805	1,893	2,483
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	52	41	129	157
Dairying	19	48	34	96
Metal-working	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Mining	58	70	151	202
Motive-power	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Printing	9	3	37	28
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	217	156	804	503
Machines—				
Sewing	56	38	279	248
Sheep-shearing	14	15	31	40
Weighing	6	11	37	27
Yarn and Textile-making machinery	88	75	352	297
Other Machines and Machinery	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	10	17	32	47
Leaf and Foil	15	11	77	56
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	213	101	949	609
Pipes and Tubes	56	45	197	193
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	134	203	404	429
Tinned	1,043	736	3,262	3,801
Nails	9	13	45	45
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	20	21	54	48
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. .. ..	..	3	..	..
Wire	14	36	155	64
Lamps and Lampware	39	70	163	146
Platedware and Cutlery	154	170	426	492
Tools of Trade	317	426	1,165	1,347
Cycles and Cycle Parts	61	106	221	335
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	31	..	57	53
Chassis and Parts	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	197	144	601	448
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	29,054	15,679	88,076	94,476
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Total, Class XIII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	9	12	29	32
Leather Manufactures, &c. .. .	4	4	26	18
Total, Class XIII. (b) .. .	13	16	55	50
Total, Class XIII. .. .	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	6	47	56	48
Undressed	131	206	330	475
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	34	24	87	89
Total, Class XIV. .. .	171	277	473	612
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware .. .	90	135	411	356
Glass and Glassware .. .	73	106	333	305
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	45	22	153	118
Total, Class XV. .. .	208	263	897	779
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards .. .	63	32	59	141
Parchment	18	5	146	209
Printing	132	614	117	888
Wrapping	64	70	123	392
Writing and Typewriting	172	297	194	714
Other	137	166	360	534
Total, Class XVI. (a) .. .	586	1,184	999	2,878
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. .. .	315	485	634	1,163
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. .. .	4	3	14	13
Paperhangings and Wallpapers .. .	..	..	..	1
Pens and Pencils	45	54	109	141
Other Stationery	99	97	290	314
Total, Class XVI. (b) .. .	463	639	1,047	1,632
Total, Class XVI. .. .	1,049	1,823	2,046	4,510
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	9	8	13	19
Toys, &c. .. .. .	..	2	2	1
Other	20	21	105	98
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	62	..	178	125
Other	3	..	15	8
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. .. .	55	128	156	264
Total, Class XVII. .. .	149	159	469	515

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	99	163	369	402
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	75	109	239	217
Surgical and Dental Instruments	170	154	710	652
Phonographs, &c.	13	3	19	22
Other Instruments	51	70	218	225
Total, Class XVIII.	408	499	1,555	1,518
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	33	23	90	99
Argol . . . . .	..	..	11	10
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes . . . . .	..	..	1	1
Cyanides of Potassium	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	126	108	500	752
Other	88	178	285	602
Dyes	278	201	512	649
Fertilizers	248	313	386	890
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	21	35	122	151
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	49	29	148	179
Perfumery and Preparations	31	38	64	87
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Salt	5	4	10	11
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices,				
Syrups	24	4	29	82
Other	3	15	37	11
Sulphur (Brimstone)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Drugs and Chemicals	388	329	1,910	1,367
Total, Class XIX.	1,699	1,507	5,272	5,855
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	79	17	204	127
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	1	2	9	4
Brushware	4	3	20	17
Goods imported per parcel post	132	159	416	546
Musical Instruments, &c.	2	2	10	5
Oilmen's Stores	2	1	7	56
Outside Packages	1,074	864	2,909	3,971
Passengers' Effects	17	38	67	108
Packings for Engines	53	62	204	179
Soap	3	4	9	12
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	58,377	47,983	224,385	210,029

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	73,118	60,098	281,042	263,061

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EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	209	327	8,086	6,871
Butter Fat (dry)	21	..	483	30
Butter Substitutes	156	342	256	703
Cheese	461	604	1,225	1,954
Eggs	7	17	385	377
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	164	157	206	628
Mutton, Dehydrated	170	181	287	802
Potted or Concentrated	80	26	150	123
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	677	514	561	1,246
Lamb	530	91	5,183	4,142
Mutton	49	93	313	502
Pork	20	637	86	587
Rabbits and Hares	8	58	13	41
Preserved in Tins	1,130	908	3,238	4,093
Sausage Casings	76	71	412	415
Other	134	104	447	484
Milk and Cream	256	229	1,858	1,448
Other Animal Foodstuffs	108	222	256	400
Total, Class I.	4,256	4,581	23,445	24,846
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	158	77	469	652
Biscuits	223	67	1,215	928
Confectionery	165	61	206	461
Fodders	30	28	63	98
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	195	372	358	714
Raisins	1,009	1,303	1,814	2,449
Other	41	11	105	131
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	13	8	19	46
Citrus	103	95	166	256
Other	6	2	6	17
Fruits, preserved in liquid	186	51	290	530
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	15	9	32	53
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	31	18	64	206
Wheat	413	5,142	4,884	8,264
Other	8	48	85	115
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	25	44	70	88
Flour (Wheaten)	1,179	1,864	3,495	6,699
Rice	129	95	266	591
Other	96	119	271	476
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	2	34	9	32
Jams and Fruit Jellies	128	264	498	557
Sugar	190	192	1,001	1,524
Tea	41	18	81	135
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	391	302	877	1,595
Total, Class II.	4,777	10,224	16,344	26,617

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	101	173	633	338
Spirits (Beverages)	136	226	391	593
Wine	97	134	297	423
Total, Class III.	334	533	1,321	1,354
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	79	36	239	331
Tobacco	127	74	438	532
Total, Class IV.	206	110	677	863
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle .. ..	..	11	8	3
Horses .. ..	..	2	38	26
Sheep .. ..	..	1	9	11
Other Animals	1	4	2	9
Total, Class V.	1	18	57	49
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	16	42	71	64
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	60	48	57	284
Fox	231	62	90	272
Kangaroo and Wallaby	42	36	172	261
Opossum	14	27	14	38
Rabbit	2,142	2,078	1,986	4,494
Sheep	512	410	1,386	1,338
Other	15	36	12	66
Pearl-shell	2	..	7	..
Trochus-shell .. ..	..	7	37	17
Wool—				
Greasy	9,383	6,520	37,694	36,233
Scoured and Tops	2,841	2,648	6,624	9,535
Other Animal Substances	6	4	19	24
Total, Class VI.	15,264	11,918	48,169	52,626
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	103	134	358	654
Seeds	50	66	121	201
Tanning Substances	14	12	32	47
Other Vegetable Substances	11	23	32	49
Total, Class VII.	178	235	543	951

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VIII.—APPAREL AND ATTIRE; TEXTILES; MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	4	23	37	198
Other Apparel and Attire	565	140	965	1,666
Piece Goods	45	101	193	259
Other Textiles	19	248	92	127
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	248	65	1,312	678
Total, Class VIII.	881	577	2,599	2,928
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	52	50	159	167
Tallow, unrefined	208	289	186	904
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	26	27	184	109
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Coal	50	49	297	182
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	82	428	373	604
Zinc	376	200	909	1,125
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Stones and Minerals	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XI.	626	844	1,942	2,472
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Machines and Machinery	348	243	1,030	1,006
Iron and Steel	123	173	1,250	819
Lead—Pig and in Matte	805	1,721	3,446	3,158
Tin Ingots	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Vehicles	47	77	262	372
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	383	444	551	1,203
Other Metals and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	1,894	2,831	7,274	7,306
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather	167	242	571	500
Leather Manufactures, &c.	10	8	40	53
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	61	56	425	273
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	14	25	55	80
Total, Class XIV.	75	81	480	353
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE	66	62	164	193

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	20	11	241	74
Stationery	65	159	236	301
Total, Class XVI.	85	170	477	375
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	2	1	7	11
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	7	7	32	103
Total, Class XVII.	9	8	39	114
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	9	8	58	34
Photographic Goods, &c.	6	20	60	39
Talking Machines, &c.	5	5	39	26
Other Instruments	21	7	225	86
Total, Class XVIII.	41	40	382	185
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	2	..	4	3
Fertilizers	5	2	23	15
Medicines	40	41	197	208
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	1	2	17	3
Eucalyptus	33	44	94	124
Perfumery and Preparations	45	37	272	268
Other Drugs and Chemicals	153	127	499	582
Total, Class XIX.	279	253	1,106	1,203
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	5	6	22	24
Oilmen's Stores	130	96	330	452
Personal and Household Effects	13	19	54	64
Soap	59	110	177	341
Goods Exported per parcel post	2	5	12	18
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total { Australian Produce	31,720	37,408	122,846	142,519
{ Other Produce	1,330	1,222	2,706	4,153
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	33,050	38,630	125,552	146,672

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	26,387	30,842	100,241	117,103

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**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	Preserved in Tins.
QUANTITY.							
1939-40..	Cental. 2,623,191	Cental. 430,557	Cental. 42,474	Cental. 2,852,421	Cental. 2,486,672	Cental. 522,028	Cental. 228,194
1940-41..	1,957,086	339,078	66,769	1,986,250	2,389,254	748,896	425,165
1941-42..	1,303,472	314,573	57,643	1,172,565	1,749,399	342,404	941,461
1942-43..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970	691,656
1943-44..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172	796,931
1944-45 (3 months)	46,027	97,572	18,758	207,452	82,086	166,374	181,677

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Year.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1939-40..	15,895	1,440	275	4,825	6,082	1,561	914
1940-41..	11,973	1,544	440	3,762	6,142	2,303	1,874
1941-42..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108	4,550
1942-43..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86	3,238
1943-44..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587	4,093
1944-45 (3 months)	327	604	157	514	184	637	908

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid— Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pine- apples, and other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

QUANTITY.

1939-40..	Cental. 1,142,218	Cental. 14,703	Cental. 791,069	Cental. 28,555,564	Cental. 13,686,055	Cental. 7,936,515	Cental. 779,869
1940-41..	1,431,725	29,887	444,978	28,174,469	15,438,107	4,908,801	603,459
1941-42..	1,434,660	39,731	499,131	13,387,573	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1942-43..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	13,526,462	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44..	1,680,747	36,299	211,688	20,195,075	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45 (3 months)	859,210	2,847	21,162	11,176,164	3,205,402	932,534	197,804

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Year.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
1939-40..	1,935	59	1,349	7,557	5,231	49,200	7,649
1940-41..	2,366	122	802	9,248	7,427	32,889	6,756
1941-42..	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942-43..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,495	37,694	6,624
1943-44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,233	9,535
1944-45 (3 months)	1,675	11	51	5,142	1,864	6,520	2,648

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Noils and Waste.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	34,830	29,410	25,209	20,806	20,607
Excise	18,995	24,370	31,572	44,072	46,685
Sales Tax	12,196	19,793	26,830	28,846	27,909
Flour Tax	2,486	1,499	1,652	1,709	1,940
Land Tax	1,646	3,191	3,691	3,873	3,819
Income Tax (a)	16,430	43,305	77,564	141,027	183,799
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	..	8,963	10,451	10,903
Gold Tax	1,215	1,452	1,030	525	318
Estate Duty	2,213	2,364	2,845	2,696	2,761
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	2,994	4,704
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	..	80	145	222
Total Taxation	90,011	125,384	179,436	257,144	303,667
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,897	19,075	21,639	24,391	26,679
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	368	462	694	1,226	1,027
Central Australia	147	244	742	1,584	1,737
North Australia	61	186	306	792	823
Australian Capital Territory	12	8	5	15	15
Total Railways	588	900	1,747	3,617	3,602
Total Business Undertakings	18,485	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281
TERRITORIES	415	507	492	447	482
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (b)	1,150	1,186	997	1,081	1,166
Coinage	181	753	868	2,589	2,028
Defence	167	304	835	1,490	202
Civil Aviation	11	138	185	401	770
Health	16	14	114	14	24
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	62	57	55	58	67
Bankruptcy	36	32	25	23	17
Commerce—					
Wool levy (c)	84	84	86	82	81
Other	2	3	37	258	88
Marine	145	134	133	101	127
Net Profit, Note Issue	986	1,462	1,658	2,248	2,629
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	..	31	1,600	218	127
Other.. .. .	163	418	134	297	432
Total	3,003	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758
Grand Total	111,914	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
PER HEAD (d)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	12 17 4	17 14 9	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10
Business Undertakings	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4
Other.. .. .	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8
Total	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,600	9,569	9,682	9,384	9,313
War Pensions	8,147	8,042	7,909	8,346	9,267
Repatriation	923	845	829	850	902
Other	165	147	198	141	122
Total, War, &c.	18,835	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	573	2,640	7,112	15,119	24,762
War Pensions .. .. .	..	..	207	662	1,737
Other	24,311	63,041	101,915	143,697	141,344
Total, Defence, War, &c. ..	24,884	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843
Total Cost of Departments (a)—					
Governor-General	31	30	31	29	32
Parliament	450	548	473	487	599
Prime Minister and External Territories	1,510	1,283	1,350	1,384	1,623
External Affairs	118	142	200	216	251
Treasury	2,485	2,425	2,949	3,564	3,779
Attorney-General	276	297	319	351	387
Interior	1,257	963	955	917	881
Civil Aviation	494	392	337	350	360
Trade and Customs	1,033	963	956	872	816
Health	289	296	300	386	379
Commerce and Agriculture	954	911	976	1,022	1,034
Social Services	178	162	282	393	412
Supply and Shipping	217	229	241	246	275
Business Undertakings (a)—					
Postmaster-General	15,286	15,877	17,528	19,939	22,481
Railways	1,472	1,508	1,995	2,726	3,069
Territories (a)—					
Australian Capital Territory	656	679	698	677	698
Northern Territory	383	462	520	329	302
Papua	49	86	39	5	5
New Guinea	6	7	17	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	4	6	5	4
Total, Territories	1,098	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (b)	3,036	3,212	3,305	3,961	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	16,459	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,699
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	..	11,303	11,660	12,257
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances	417	407	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit .. .. .	..	..	..	..	105
Balance—National Welfare Fund ..	..	..	..	..	25,525
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,536	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578
Special Grants	2,020	2,050	2,300	2,175	2,470
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,456	3,484	2,128	1,603	1,487
Income Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	..	..	..	26,432	32,047
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..	..	..	..	574	766
Other Grants	100	250	138	140	127
Total to or for States (c)	15,697	14,926	13,731	40,097	46,060
Relief to Primary Producers	2,509	3,023	4,063	(d) 1,709	(d) 1,941
Grand Total	108,985	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
Per head of Population (e) ..	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10

(a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-44) Services. (c) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States).

(d) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, and £12,322,000 during 1943-44. (e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1939-40	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44	Total to 30th June. 1944.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939-44) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	28,814	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	1,121,281
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	214
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 3	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department—						
Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	1,733	1,689	940	..	..	36,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	120	221	245	..	..	4,080
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	30	3	15	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	22
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways ..	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 18	Cr. 35	Cr. 10	13,816
Territories (b) ..	Cr. 11	Cr. 4	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	8,812
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 66	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	2,667
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	750	500	165	235	..	7,967
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	609
Drought Relief ..	..	1,270	597	Cr. 23	..	1,844
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	2,541	3,628	1,929	165	206	110,593
GRAND TOTAL ..	31,355	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,363	1,231,874

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-44) at 30th September, 1944.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'wlth. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42	35,000	196,513	37,374	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42	77,300	454,865	82,068	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43	100,000	432,555	101,808	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43	125,000	567,695	126,411	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44	150,000	451,821	150,538	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 31/10/44	112,479	(b)390,000	(b)113,685	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
Total	777,779	(b)2,947,594	(a)(b)773,608	36,489	..	..

(a) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Approximate.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-44), as at 30th September, 1944, see following table.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-19)	163,669	90,745	..	254,414
War (1939-44)—				
Stock and Bonds	660,977	5,775	..	666,752
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	17,689	..	..	17,689
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	99	..	..	99
Citizens' National Emer- gency Loans	5,982	347	..	6,329
War Savings Certificates ..	45,804	..	..	45,804
War Savings Stamps	479	..	..	479
Treasury Bills—Internal ..	49,396	..	..	49,396
Bank	378,280	..	..	378,280
Total	1,160,498	6,122	..	1,166,620
Works and other Purposes	35,976	64,362	15,791	116,129
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,360,143	161,229	15,791	1,537,163
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£ 186 4 5	£22 1 6	£2 3 3	£210 9 2
State—				
Debts of the States	491,117	373,505	25,415	890,037
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£67 8 6	£51 5 7	£3 9 9	£122 3 10
Total Public Debt	1,851,260	534,734	41,206	2,427,200
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£253 9 3	£73 4 3	£5 12 10	£332 6 4

INTEREST PAYABLE.

	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(d)
Commonwealth—				
War (1914-19)	6,248,148	(e)426,008	..	6,674,156
War (1939-44)	27,957,447	231,000	..	28,188,447
Works and other Purposes	1,020,139	2,620,097	771,780	4,412,016
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	35,225,734	3,277,105	771,780	39,274,619
Average Rate per cent. (f)	£2 12 1	£4 0 9	£4 17 9	£2 14 2
State—				
Debts of the States	16,543,607	14,310,933	1,262,936	32,117,476
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 7 4	£3 16 8	£4 19 5	£3 12 2
Grand Total	51,769,341	17,588,038	2,034,716	71,392,095
Average Rate per cent.(f) ..	£2 16 2	£3 17 4	£4 18 9	£3 1 0

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1944.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans, War and National Savings Stamps excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1939 (b)	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (c)—April	16,766,338	166,495,730	183,262,068	46,793	25.5
May	15,891,443	168,620,625	184,512,068	48,043	26.0
June	15,253,829	174,258,239	189,512,068	49,293	26.0
July	15,799,022	179,194,603	194,993,625	50,544	25.9
August	16,454,195	180,039,430	196,493,625	50,544	25.7
September	15,805,075	181,938,550	197,743,625	50,544	25.6

(a) Includes English sterling.
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	30th Sept., 1940.	29th Sept., 1941.	28th Sept., 1942.	27th Sept., 1943.	25th Sept., 1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,533,944	4,945,045	6,022,106	6,917,646	8,076,445
£1	25,646,770	30,631,873	43,308,467	52,306,382	61,483,350
£5	16,867,790	21,033,340	38,518,565	55,520,170	71,899,600
£10	8,537,120	9,411,800	16,188,010	26,084,940	46,123,230
£20	81,120	71,080	60,620	55,180	48,900
£50	2,000,000	2,202,200	2,905,200	3,644,350	4,075,050
£100	3,140,700	3,247,700	4,089,400	5,091,400	5,388,000
£1,000	812,000	571,000	514,000	392,000	649,000
Held by banks	14,090,146	14,267,161	15,195,825	15,311,372	15,805,075
„ public	47,529,298	57,846,877	98,410,543	134,700,696	181,938,550
Total	61,619,444	72,114,038	111,606,368	150,012,068	197,743,625
Reserve(a)					
	Gold	74,863	74,839	73,780	74,132
	English Sterling	16,006,656	18,880,183	29,036,433	38,192,683
	Total	16,081,519	18,955,022	29,110,213	38,266,463
Percentage on circulation	26.10	26.28	26.08	25.51	25.56

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1944.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1944.		Pensions paid during 1943-44 (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Amount. £	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	No. 104,414	No. 26,234	No. 130,648	361	91	s. d. 51 11	s. d. 52 11	8,866,699	61 8
Victoria	69,156	12,446	81,602	346	62	51 11	52 5	5,787,208	58 1
Queensland	33,247	8,848	42,095	314	83	52 1	52 10	2,802,973	53 2
South Australia(d)	22,394	4,333	26,727	357	69	50 10	51 11	1,844,328	59 1
Western Australia	18,109	3,443	21,552	376	72	51 3	52 5	1,508,169	63 1
Tasmania	9,866	2,638	12,504	406	109	51 4	52 5	889,723	73 8
Total	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	51 9	52 8	£21,699,100	59 9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.
(c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners, but excludes £105,336 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (c)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
	No.	No.	No.			£	s. d.
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	163	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	199	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,989	31,999	127,988	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	23 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	23 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	23 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,017	155,071	195	73	6,523,381	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,723	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,336	88,812	321,148	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c) 41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c) 51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c) 51 11

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate £2 14s. 6d. from 10th August, 1943. Adjustments are not now made on the retail price index-numbers. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1943-44.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	198,651	359,373	687	1,243	4,861,657	33 11
Victoria ..	123,381	220,884	641	1,104	3,014,497	30 3
Queensland ..	78,378	148,021	739	1,396	2,009,059	37 11
South Australia (d) ..	41,286	70,524	653	1,124	953,589	30 7
Western Australia ..	37,664	66,938	783	1,391	915,962	38 4
Tasmania ..	18,780	37,837	773	1,557	502,212	41 7
Total 1943-44 ..	503,140	903,577	689	1,237	12,256,976	33 9
1942-43 ..	491,121	891,221	681	1,236	11,659,626	32 6

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,396 at 30th June, 1944; 16,938 at 30th June, 1943. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944. (a)

State.	Pensions Current. (b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1943-44.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
New South Wales (c)	16,380	57	No. 7,344	£ s. d. 5 11 0	£ 1,147,544	s. d. 7 11
Victoria	11,967	60	3,684	5 2 11	787,034	7 11
Queensland	6,181	58	2,442	5 6 6	363,777	6 11
South Australia (d)	3,358	54	1,084	5 2 11	213,086	6 10
Western Australia	2,796	58	881	5 3 0	180,802	7 7
Tasmania	1,530	63	672	5 6 8	108,459	8 11
Total 1943-44	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8
1942-43	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,998	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes eight (1943-44) and six (1942-43) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1938	39,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	430,614
1940	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,864
1941	23,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,891	358,538
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,652
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,267,000
Total since 10.10.12	1,398,941	919,741	531,130	307,817	226,164	152,583	1,124	3,537,000	19,001,945

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Under new provisions operating from 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished and the rates increased as follows:—(i) no other surviving children under 14—£4 10s. to £5; (ii) One or two other surviving children—£5 to £6; (iii) three or more other surviving children—£7 10s. unchanged. An allowance has also been provided of £1 5s. per week for the four weeks immediately preceding and succeeding birth of child.

(c) Included with South Australia.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.					
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
New South Wales	32,596	12,072	42,515	87,183	2 6 4	1 5 7	1 13 4			
Victoria.. ..	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2 3 7	1 5 9	1 12 2			
Queensland ..	10,398	3,592	13,467	27,457	2 4 5	1 4 11	1 13 10			
South Australia ..	6,180	3,136	7,902	17,218	2 8 3	1 8 7	1 15 8			
Western Australia	8,089	3,273	11,149	22,511	2 6 0	1 5 9	1 13 0			
Tasmania ..	3,780	1,253	5,822	10,855	3 0 9	1 3 6	1 16 5			
United Kingdom ..	1,471	1,597	1,981	5,049	2 13 9	1 18 8	2 3 1			
Elsewhere ..	292	120	309	721	2 3 5	1 9 11	1 15 5			
Total 1943-44 ..	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6			
1942-43 ..	81,240	31,333	114,280	226,853	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0			

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,607	1,126	670	320	432	80	4,235
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	993	861	713	424	445	192	3,628
Dependants ..	1,125	1,071	707	451	426	245	4,025
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	134	84	11	22	31	8	290
Dependants ..	181	122	18	37	35	13	406
Total 1943-44 ..	4,040	3,264	2,119	1,254	1,369	538	12,584
1942-43 ..	4,365	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,454	564	13,284
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 5 5	2 5 6	2 7 1	2 6 3	2 2 1	2 5 1	2 5 5
Dependants ..	1 10 1	1 11 0	1 10 0	1 10 9	1 11 7	1 7 11	1 10 5
All Pensioners 1943-44 ..	2 0 6	2 0 3	2 1 3	2 0 3	1 18 7	1 16 10	2 0 2
1942-43 ..	1 18 7	1 18 4	1 18 8	1 18 6	1 16 7	1 14 0	1 18 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870	3,661,182
Victoria ..	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522
Queensland ..	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089
South Australia ..	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168	763,350
Western Australia ..	696,883	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,924
Tasmania ..	403,747	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675
Elsewhere ..	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854	258,867
Total ..	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609
Includes 1939-44 War ..	..	..	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471

(ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	118,443	148,599	182,935	185,315	218,173	216,001
Victoria ..	103,292	118,577	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377
Queensland ..	72,717	80,364	88,088	106,120	119,032	113,143
South Australia ..	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525
Western Australia ..	46,044	51,651	55,783	64,652	73,503	72,096
Tasmania ..	15,157	18,695	19,544	22,548	24,332	24,392
Total ..	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534
Includes 1939-44 War ..	..	..	..	..	2,314	6,403

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-43.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Individuals—				
Under £201	202,510	998,515	4 18 8	0.7
£201 to £500	1,096,668	25,055,290	22 16 11	18.6
£501 to £1,000	149,422	14,668,404	98 3 5	10.9
£1,001 and over	47,878	42,504,616	887 15 5	31.6
Total Individuals	1,496,478	83,226,825	55 12 4	61.8
Companies	15,019	(b)51,493,480	3,423 11 1	38.2
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	..	134,720,305	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1941-42. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,207,756, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,285,816, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,236,322.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,396	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—					
Resident	£ 225,774,692	£ 228,207,419	£ 234,273,013	£ 244,512,737	£ 244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,001	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,108	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	457,636,000	456,695,994	456,131,125	463,556,163	462,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1943-44.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ 1- 1,000	No. 2,859	£ 6,488,316	£ 1,187,470	£ 35,654
1,001- 2,000	1,453	5,016,990	2,114,244	62,490
2,001- 3,000	914	4,298,805	2,252,145	68,015
3,001- 4,000	625	3,624,544	2,190,355	68,115
4,001- 5,000	416	2,823,192	1,857,933	55,387
5,001-10,000	1,039	9,918,935	7,193,670	215,151
10,001-20,000	636	10,750,044	8,861,466	384,262
20,001-50,000	315	11,311,474	9,201,689	747,781
50,001 and over	71	8,494,128	6,576,910	1,339,307
Total	8,328	62,726,428	41,435,882	2,976,162

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1943-44.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1941-42.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)						Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		5 per cent.(c)	10 per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	15 per cent.(c)	20 per cent.(e)	25 per cent.(d)	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September ..	143,553	13,913	38,270	..	8,858	..	61,041	5,850
December ..	149,728	6,317	44,391	..	3,117	6,810	..	6,584
March ..	140,570	2,404	43,363	..	..	8,404	..	6,136
June ..	147,295	756	15,517	27,988	..	3,318	4,984	6,997
Total Year ..	581,146	23,390	141,541	27,988	11,975	18,532	4,984	25,567

Year 1942-43.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
September Qtr. ..	151,614	45,619	8,513	54,132	7,825
December Qtr. ..	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
March Qtr. ..	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
June Qtr. ..	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total Year ..	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b).
		7½ per cent.(f).	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July ..	50,079	1,330	13,899	2,525	17,754	2,468
August ..	50,752	5,388	10,473	2,363	18,174	2,299
September ..	51,607	5,242	10,736	2,467	18,445	2,350
Total September Quarter ..	152,438	11,910	35,108	7,355	54,373	7,117
October ..	51,921	4,786	10,678	2,645	18,109	2,355
November ..	53,363	4,816	10,978	3,024	18,818	2,489
December ..	51,289	4,477	10,408	2,918	17,803	2,366
Total December Quarter ..	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
January ..	43,796	3,386	9,110	2,032	14,528	1,900
February ..	49,188	4,419	10,897	2,396	17,712	2,292
March ..	52,602	5,342	11,226	2,513	19,081	2,432
Total March Quarter ..	145,586	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	6,624
April ..	44,877	4,253	9,443	2,111	15,807	2,027
May ..	53,989	5,341	11,631	2,576	19,548	2,498
June (g) ..	52,200	4,700	11,500	2,200	18,400	2,341
Total June Quarter (g) ..	151,066	14,294	32,574	6,887	53,755	6,866
Total Year (g) ..	605,663	53,430	130,979	29,770	214,179	27,817

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
 (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941.
 (f) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent.
 (g) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £799,998 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,333,926, and of £1,200,250 from the Expenditure total of £71,189,568, the surplus thus obtained being £1,544,610 instead of the Budget surplus of £1,144,358. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1942-43.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	9,510,979	5,330,909	2,585,513	1,789,121	1,164,770	832,539	21,213,831
Railways ..	34,071,953	17,070,396	16,953,905	15,875,668	4,446,370	..	78,418,297
Tramways (c) ..	5,581,845	(f) 119,443	..	..	469,751	..	6,171,039
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,702,324	2,622,377	871	1,961,556	1,874,800	5,440	8,167,368
Land ..	1,755,010	723,265	1,591,067	265,368	317,033	93,436	4,745,179
Interest (n.e.i.) ..	422,345	1,591,213	1,060,157	1,023,006	454,926	457,169	5,008,816
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	14,184,169	7,566,164	6,202,135	3,598,150	3,449,619	1,645,558	36,045,795
All other Sources ..	4,305,228	1,466,157	890,424	679,652	974,409	256,182	8,572,122
Total Revenue ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 2 8	£ s. d. 18 9 11	£ s. d. 28 3 10	£ s. d. 24 18 1	£ s. d. 27 19 5	£ s. d. 13 13 5	£ s. d. 23 10 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,484	113,807,968
1939 ..	51,709,735	29,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940 ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
1941 ..	59,895,571	29,182,557	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	3,921,573	137,896,281
1942 ..	65,895,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	3,358,707	152,941,888
1943 ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,507,470	8,374,804	6,582,516	5,344,587	4,581,924	1,373,440	41,764,741
Railways ..	26,997,307	13,607,889	10,957,836	4,353,360	3,489,921	3,846	59,410,159
Tramways (c) ..	5,140,731	..	..	..	345,401	..	5,486,132
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	913,336	1,362,048	1,671	780,304	1,024,565	(i) 254,510	4,336,434
Education ..	6,121,408	3,357,906	1,781,289	1,103,033	914,422	499,154	13,777,212
Hospitals ..	2,761,051	1,536,211	738,414	604,999	418,885	179,945	6,239,505
Other Charities ..	1,720,488	1,516,791	707,787	181,491	230,785	108,755	4,466,097
All other Expenditure	10,827,527	5,979,944	38,412,539	2,591,879	2,121,339	980,154	30,913,382
Total Expenditure	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 11 10	£ s. d. 18 2 3	£ s. d. 28 1 10	£ s. d. 24 10 5	£ s. d. 27 18 4	£ s. d. 14 2 6	£ s. d. 23 3 7

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
1941 ..	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,466
1942 ..	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,712,354	11,938,331	3,357,122	149,751,297
1943 ..	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1942-43, see p. 41. (c) Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £4,000,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,250,000 is included in Railway expenditure

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways..	1,550,731	540,506	181,866	414,691	6,644	103,094	2,797,532
Tramways (b)	Cr. 21,106	..	..	Cr. 37,681	71,949	..	13,162
Roads and Bridges	10,184	Cr. 30,399	Cr. 12,627	Cr. 17,000	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	78,926	Cr. 7,272	471,855	53,813	66,258	18,573	632,311
Water Supply and Sewerage	57,124	26,947	175,000	1,113,871	38,069	..	1,411,011
Electricity Supply	66,537	..	..	..	46,137	442,500	555,174
Public Buildings	278,838	181,687	186,649	Cr.419,072	27,432	94,189	349,723
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 134,106	Cr. 63,729	..	..	..	Cr. 11,287	Cr. 209,122
Other Public Works, &c.	29,325	Cr. 3,463	Cr.293,748	Cr.134,930	102	75,101	Cr. 327,613
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (c)	Cr. 744	Cr.538,934	Cr. 40,547	Cr.327,391	Cr. 70,583	Cr.143,496	Cr.1,121,695
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	Cr. 12,967	..	Cr. 11,164	Cr. 45,366	11,788	..	Cr. 57,709
Other	Cr. 1,220	95,288	Cr.102,667	Cr. 68,071	116,307	Cr. 3,560	36,077
Other purposes	..	..	Cr.100,046	45,500	62,789	..	8,243
Total Works, &c.	1,901,522	200,631	454,571	578,264	376,892	575,114	4,087,094
Per Head (d)	£ s. d. 0 13 4	£ s. d. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 0 8 9	£ s. d. 0 19 0	£ s. d. 0 16 0	£ s. d. 2 7 9	£ s. d. 0 11 5
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits	Cr.3,300,000	..	..	Cr.582,346	Cr. 24,436	..	Cr.3,906,782
Other(e)	312,611	..	..	45,058	72,711	Cr. 74,110	356,270
Grand Total	Cr.1,085,867	200,631	454,571	41,076	425,167	501,004	536,582

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1943.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways	165,839	78,776	66,404	39,507	27,064	7,514	385,104
Roads and Bridges	20,943	12,646	5,296	3,858	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	22,230	1,405	3,305	8,538	7,586	7,265	96,255
Water Supply and Sewerage	40,953	31,872	1,807	21,929	14,889	..	111,450
Electricity Supply	2,545	17,839	..	..	1,909	7,511	29,804
Public Buildings	17,833	8,207	7,485	3,825	2,784	2,962	43,096
Unemployment Relief	17,157	13,139	..	..	(b)	344	30,640
Other Public Works, &c. (c)	11,580	3,669	26,059	7,989	3,074	(d) 4,258	56,629
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement	12,327	44,058	5,610	11,680	17,733	2,929	94,337
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	19,465	..	1,982	9,188	3,864	..	34,499
Other	7,818	5,396	8,123	2,191	14,192	31	37,751
Other purposes	89	212	324	4,243	3,599	..	8,467
Total Works	338,779	217,219	126,395	112,948	99,877	32,814	923,032
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits	39,530	4,864	5,826	8,669	12,080	1,017	71,986
Other	18,127	5,834	10,333	1,271	4,169	..	39,734
Grand Total	396,436	227,917	142,554	122,888	116,126	33,831	1,039,752

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	186,888	153,414	11,669	351,971	6,059	5,786	564	12,409
Victoria	108,294	61,970	4,499	174,763	3,853	2,314	221	6,388
Queensland	61,130	62,778	5,271	129,179	2,141	2,513	279	4,933
South Australia	63,755	42,817	1,733	108,305	2,221	1,678	87	4,936
Western Australia	50,692	43,771	2,015	96,478	1,661	1,689	101	3,451
Tasmania	21,081	8,755	228	30,064	688	331	11	1,030
Total	491,840	373,505	25,415	890,760	16,623	14,311	1,263	32,197

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Three months ended September—					
	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	15,297	16,888	— 1,591	14,846	16,162	— 1,316
Victoria ..	6,087	7,761	— 1,674	6,249	8,068	— 1,819
Queensland ..	6,311	5,517	+ 794	5,818	5,519	+ 299
South Australia ..	2,900	3,714	— 814	3,204	3,824	— 620
Western Australia ..	3,096	3,338	— 242	3,218	3,360	— 142
Tasmania ..	670	586	+ 84	733	699	+ 34
Total, Six States ..	34,361	37,804	— 3,443	34,068	37,632	— 3,564
Commonwealth ..	67,979	67,979	..	80,184	80,184	..
Grand Total (b) ..	96,107	99,550	— 3,443	107,694	111,258	— 3,564

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation.(b)		Expenditure—			
					Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	Three months ended September—							
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	1,933	2,029	1,527	1,601	5,023	4,934	3,780	3,840
Victoria ..	1,309	1,343	773	980	2,706	2,859	1,998	2,112
Queensland ..	913	954	468	462	1,645	1,566	1,320	1,360
South Australia ..	550	578	295	394	914	942	1,410	1,426
Western Australia ..	784	823	234	234	930	937	1,208	1,202
Tasmania ..	314	351	162	194	367	380	218	269
Total, Six States ..	5,803	6,078	3,459	3,865	11,585	11,618	9,934	10,209
Commonwealth ..	..	..	59,073	70,681	c44,948	c55,102	9,909	12,222
Grand Total ..	5,803	6,078	62,532	74,546	56,533	66,720	19,843	22,431

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges). 1943-44, £30,598,000; 1944-45, £39,933,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.		Expenditure.					
	Three months ended September—		1943-44.		1944-45.			
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	8,621	1,798	7,881	1,894	6,650	1,435	5,915	1,473
Victoria(b) ..	3,353	75	3,146	73	2,969	88	3,019	78
Queensland(c) ..	4,257	..	3,659	..	2,552	..	2,593	..
South Australia ..	1,315	307	1,433	364	1,196	194	1,253	203
Western Australia ..	1,081	600	1,105	650	869	331	882	339
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	50	..
Total, Six States ..	18,627	2,780	17,224	2,981	14,237	2,048	13,712	2,093
Commonwealth ..	731	(e) 6,654	802	(e) 6,877	447	(e) 5,249	545	(e) 4,732
Grand Total ..	19,358	9,434	18,026	9,858	14,684	7,297	14,257	6,825

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges.

(b) Railways and State Coal-mine only.

(c) Railways only.

(d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission.

(e) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1943-44.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties. (n.e.i.)	Motor Taxes.	Enter- tainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
N. South Wales	..	798	3	2,711	1,215	2,326	547	693	8,293
Victoria ..	..	199	360	1,779	993	1,582	(c)	809	5,722
Queensland ..	..	205	387	747	503	808	133	384	3,167
South Australia	..	85	297	400	223	572	126	70	1,773
Western Aust.	..	140	122	233	205	381	133	114	1,328
Tasmania ..	..	20	92	145	74	215	43	450	1,039
Total States ..	..	1,447	1,261	6,015	3,213	5,884	982	2,520	21,322
Commonwealth	67,292	183,799	3,819	2,761	..	..	4,704	41,292	303,667
Grand Total	67,292	185,246	5,080	8,776	3,213	5,884	5,686	43,812	324,989

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(d)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	..	0 5 6	..	0 18 11	0 8 6	0 16 3	0 3 10	0 4 11	2 17 11
Victoria ..	..	0 2 0	0 3 5	0 17 11	0 10 0	0 15 11	(c)	0 8 2	2 17 5
Queensland ..	..	0 3 11	0 7 4	0 14 2	0 9 6	0 15 4	0 2 6	0 7 4	3 0 1
South Australia	..	0 2 9	0 9 7	0 12 11	0 7 3	0 18 6	0 4 1	0 2 3	2 17 4
Western Aust.	..	0 5 11	0 5 1	0 9 9	0 8 7	0 15 11	0 5 7	0 4 9	2 15 7
Tasmania ..	..	0 1 8	0 7 7	0 12 0	0 6 2	0 17 10	0 3 7	1 17 3	4 6 1
Total States ..	..	0 4 0	0 3 5	0 16 7	0 8 11	0 16 3	0 2 9	0 6 11	2 18 10
Commonwealth	9 5 3	25 5 10	0 10 6	0 7 7	..	..	0 13 0	5 13 8	41 15 10
Grand Total	9 5 3	25 9 10	0 14 0	1 4 2	0 8 10	0 16 2	0 15 8	6 0 7	44 14 6

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 28 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Included with Other. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939-40 ..	53,825	16,430	12,196	7,560	90,011	54,386	144,397
1940-41 ..	53,780	43,305	19,793	8,506	125,384	56,304	181,688
1941-42 ..	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,260	179,435	57,260	236,695
1942-43 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,393	257,144	(a) 26,329	283,473
1943-44 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,667	303,667	(a) 21,322	324,989

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40 ..	7 13 11	2 7 0	1 14 10	1 1 7	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 12 2	6 2 6	2 16 0	1 4 1	17 14 9	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 2 10	8 1 0	33 3 3
1942-43 ..	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 5	39 7 6
1943-44 ..	9 5 3	25 5 10	3 16 10	3 7 11	41 15 10	(a) 2 18 10	44 14 6

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Income Tax ..	14,558	6,318	5,616	2,276	2,406	873	32,047
Entertainments Tax	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total ..	14,719	6,691	5,616	2,373	2,504	910	32,813
State Collections ..	8,293	5,722	3,167	1,773	1,323	1,039	21,322
Grand Total ..	23,012	12,413	8,783	4,146	3,832	1,949	54,135
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	8 0 10	6 4 7	8 6 8	6 14 0	8 0 3	8 1 5	7 9 5

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Three months ended September.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1943-44	£'000. 606	£'000. 5	£'000. 135	£'000. 7	£'000. 66	£'000. 52	£'000. 871	£'000. 103,926	£'000. 104,797
1944-45	492	Cr. 158	218	Cr. 162	48	57	495	63,384	63,879

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	173,029	171,240	167,220	163,532	164,628
	London £Stg.	90,744	90,744	90,745	90,744	90,744
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.	46,808	109,649	321,345	712,579	1,098,261
	London £Stg.	5,810	17,875	17,875	18,129	6,122
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A.	37,279	39,459	39,956	38,241	36,190
	London £Stg.	65,780	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,362
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total . .	Australia £A.	257,116	320,348	528,521	917,352	1,299,079
	London £Stg.	162,334	174,003	173,754	173,757	161,228
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total . .	..	435,327	510,228	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098
State . .	Australia £A.	493,647	504,494	504,439	494,115	491,840
	London £Stg.	384,162	384,042	380,422	379,113	373,505
	New York £Stg.	27,918	27,466	25,817	25,610	25,415
Total . .	..	905,727	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760
Grand Total! . .	Australia £A.	750,763	824,842	1,032,960	1,411,467	1,790,919
	London £Stg.	546,496	558,045	554,176	552,870	534,733
	New York £Stg.	43,795	43,363	41,693	41,400	41,206
Total . .	..	1,341,054	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.		Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
			1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	London £Stg.						
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.						
	London £Stg.						
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.						
	London £Stg.						
Total ..	Australia £A.						
	London £Stg.						
State ..	Australia £A.						
	London £Stg.						
Total ..	..					
	..						
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.						
	London £Stg.						
Total ..	..					
	..						

(iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940. £'000.	1941. £'000.	1942. £'000.	1943. £'000.	1944. £'000.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	9,421	11,249	16,135	25,145	33,945
	London £Stg.(a)	3,388	3,736	3,656	3,290	3,277
	New York £Stg.	776	776	776	772	771
Total(b) ..	..	13,585	15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993
State ..	Australia £A.	17,593	17,866	17,284	16,863	16,623
	London £Stg.	14,958	14,955	14,500	14,501	14,311
	New York £Stg.	1,421	1,395	1,283	1,272	1,263
Total(b) ..	..	33,972	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	27,014	29,115	33,419	42,008	50,568
	London £Stg.(a)	18,346	18,691	18,156	17,791	17,588
	New York £Stg.	2,197	2,171	2,059	2,044	2,034
Total(b) ..	..	47,557	49,977	53,634	61,843	70,190

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941	1942.	1943.	1944.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia London(a) New York	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 4	3 11 1	3 5 1	2 19 9	2 16 8
		3 18 7	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4
		5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total(b) .. ..	.. ..	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

(v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—								
		30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	30th June, 1944.	30th Sept., 1944.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	3,720	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,970
State ..	Australia £A.	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	32,175
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	22,868	23,730	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	276,355	410,455
	London £Stg.	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,838

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
June, 1940 ..	170,778	268,196	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
„ 1941 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
„ 1942 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
„ 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	50.9	45.1
Dec., 1943 ..	338,869	292,744	631,613	277,070	380,928	53.6	41.8
Mar., 1944 ..	367,757	300,974	668,731	270,584	411,255	54.9	38.5
June, 1944 ..	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,686	353,124	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,746	209,956	367,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
Dec., 1943..	167	4,732	1,117	277,112	210,867	487,979	493,995
Mar., 1944..	167	4,356	1,061	308,943	217,945	526,888	532,472
June, 1944..	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	220,685	540,613	546,573
Sept., 1944..	167	4,663	1,044	313,829	223,114	536,943	542,817

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Over-drafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	2,193	36,793	83,617	..	9,983	2,099	2,340	286,784	423,809
" 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953
" 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,923	244,776	528,018
Dec., 1943..	1,934	38,077	140,441	124,547	9,775	3,351	4,127	235,507	557,759
Mar., 1944..	1,961	44,964	154,935	150,478	9,775	3,346	3,975	224,573	594,007
June, 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	3,587	4,200	224,858	608,186
Sept., 1944..	2,027	34,616	150,463	182,835	9,801	3,618	4,134	217,152	604,646

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Common- wealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.							Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War-time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (b)		
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	30,054	50,169	80,223	28,968	..	37,412	33,086	58,539	51,606
„ 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
„ 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
„ 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
Dec., 1943..	56,326	77,849	134,175	33,539	125,132	22,662	234,985	89,889	152,864
Mar., 1944..	52,426	78,583	131,009	41,812	151,207	27,823	249,317	107,092	164,387
June, 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109
Sept., 1944..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	32,111	238,774	172,271	191,661

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 32 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534
1943—									
July ..	126,689	124,938	47,130	39,859	19,628	11,520	(b)	536	370,800
Aug. ..	130,518	128,483	49,304	40,941	20,291	11,922	(b)	556	382,015
Sept. ..	134,163	131,279	51,269	41,806	20,907	12,153	(b)	563	392,140
1944—									
July ..	166,751	156,884	66,806	49,616	26,376	14,499	(b)	712	481,644
Aug. ..	170,104	160,321	68,128	50,530	26,987	14,878	(b)	718	491,666
Sept. ..	173,037	162,563	69,601	51,313	27,675	15,106	(b)	726	500,021

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £45,803,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and September, 1944.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1943—									
July ..	126,689	24,528	47,130	6,668	19,628	3,663	(a)	536	228,842
Aug. ..	130,518	25,354	49,304	6,953	20,291	3,785	(a)	556	236,761
Sept. ..	134,163	26,035	51,269	7,087	20,907	3,885	(a)	563	243,909
1944—									
July ..	166,751	32,007	66,806	8,762	26,376	4,935	(a)	712	306,349
Aug. ..	170,104	33,220	68,128	9,026	26,987	5,055	(a)	718	313,238
Sept. ..	173,037	33,718	69,601	9,217	27,675	5,158	(a)	726	319,132

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1940 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,808	3,426	2,293	701
" 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,763	2,334	699
" 1942 ..	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
" 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	860
1944—								
27th June to 31st July ..	33,683	30,573	27,953	27,932	7,409	5,134	2,653	1,132
1st Aug. to 28th Aug. ..	31,365	28,109	26,937	26,911	7,361	4,809	2,648	981
29th Aug. to 25th Sept. ..	31,772	27,616	28,698	28,647	6,848	5,103	2,682	1,021

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,141	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,766	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	645	642	642	642
Total ..	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127	151,849,840
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,193	52,637,204
Queensland ..	38,419,013	38,891,138	39,299,815	39,349,083	39,479,733
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,290
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	644	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	902	958	1,234	2,322	3,473
New South Wales ..	30,106	29,471	32,285	336,368	339,000
Victoria ..	17,890	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437
Queensland ..	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396	17,851
South Australia ..	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217
Total ..	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales ..	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria ..	9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030
Queensland ..	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027
South Australia ..	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia ..	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania ..	487	536	600	686	843
Total ..	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated.

(e) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1933-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	642	842	903	1,506	2,171
New South Wales	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661
Western Australia	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania	678	688	757	854	965
Total	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027

NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth	-95	-220	68	689	1,575
New South Wales	5,403	6,108	8,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia	188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia	688	728	814	970	970
Tasmania	-191	-152	-157	-168	-122
Total	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)

	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth	-0.56	-1.28	0.39	3.95	8.90
New South Wales	3.66	4.09	4.58	4.50	4.95
Victoria	2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68
Queensland	4.18	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78
South Australia	0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67
Western Australia	2.64	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68
Tasmania	-8.91	-7.02	-6.99	-7.16	-4.88
Total (b)	2.79	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.82; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, -1.68; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
PARTICULARS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 1943.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	959	14,323	7,680	5,029	1,709	1,360	318	31,378
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	2,712	18,240	8,140	12,119	3,665	2,881	488	48,245
cMiscellaneous £	75	(d)1,509	1,210	(e)	459	177	36	3,466
cTotal Revenue £	3,746	f34,072	17,030	17,148	5,833	4,418	842	83,080
cExpenditure £	2,071	27,343	14,040	10,994	4,683	3,447	(g) 877	68,455
cTrain-miles run	3,473	m39,000	18,487	19,651	6,792	(h)6,470	(i)2,245	96,068
Earnings per train-mile	21s. 7d.	17s. 6d.	18s. 6d.	17s. 5d.	17s. 2d.	13s. 8d.	7s. 6d.	17s. 4d.
Expenditure per train-mile	11s. 11d.	14s. 0d.	15s. 3d.	11s. 2d.	13s. 9d.	10s. 8d.	7s. 10d.	13s. 3d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	55.28	80.25	82.44	64.11	80.64	78.04	104.64	76.37
cPassenger-journeys, No.	462	237,441	195,830	32,869	31,763	17,092	3,323	518,780
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	8	(j)	(j)	1,026	188	263	296	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	13	(j)	(j)	435	495	153	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	38	(m) 800	(m) 742	559	242	143	37	2,561
cOther Goods carried ..	414	18,845	8,018	4,212	2,535	1,946	649	36,619
cTotal Freight carried ..	473	19,645	8,760	6,232	3,460	2,505	982	42,057

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
 (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.
PARTICULARS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,154
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	941	14,519	7,204	5,308	1,677	1,425	310	31,884
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	2,434	18,407	7,485	10,352	3,738	2,789	516	45,721
cMiscellaneous £	84	(d) 1,575	1,193	(e)	587	173	45	8,657
cTotal Revenue	3,459	f 34,501	15,882	15,660	6,002	4,387	871	80,762
cExpenditure	2,421	27,535	13,213	12,719	5,235	3,796	(g) 1,010	65,929
cTrain-miles run	3,453	42,475	16,414	19,544	6,777	(h) 6,132	(i) 2,185	96,980
Earnings per train-mile	20s. 0d.	16s. 3d.	19s. 4d.	16s. 0d.	17s. 9d.	14s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	16s. 8d.
Expenditure per train-mile	14s. 0d.	13s. 0d.	16s. 1d.	13s. 0d.	15s. 5d.	12s. 5d.	9s. 3d.	13s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on								
Earnings %	69.97	79.81	83.20	81.22	87.22	86.54	115.88	81.63
cPassenger-journeys, No.	522	250,566	194,138	37,641	27,355	18,773	3,131	532,126
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	6	(j)	(j)	999	192	257	280	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	13	(j)	(j)	334	456	126	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	45	(m) 800	(m) 528	576	255	150	32	2,386
cOther Goods carried ..	451	18,603	7,565	4,089	2,770	2,027	666	36,171
cTotal Freight carried ..	515	19,403	8,093	5,998	3,673	2,560	978	41,220

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying
 developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included
 with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Year ended June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c) No.	137	120	119	(e) 123	116
Registered Aircraft(c) ..	288	202	192	(e) 184	185
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	(b) 1,225	502	240	171	159
Commercial	(b) 324	187	181	233	305
Licensed Ground Engi- neers(c)	(b) 651	617	717	924	1,039
Aerodromes—(c)					
Government	73	79	72	69	69
Public	224	212	207	207	206
Government Emer- gency Grounds	141	116	116	96	78
Hours flown	120,133	79,164	69,302	58,185	84,274
Approximate mileage Miles '000	12,823	9,700	8,925	7,517	10,802
Passengers carried	No. 142,797	154,259	155,213	133,525	235,775
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	1,771	2,115	2,588	2,066	3,132
Mails, Weight carried(d) ..	416	547	879	1,660	2,815
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	11	3	18	4	1
.. Injured	6	1	3	3	1

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore overseas service, but excludes those relating to civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of overseas mail, i.e., includes weight of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE:—Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942	At 30th June, 1943.	At 30th June, 1944.	At 30th Sept., 1944.
Lines connected	No. 525,547	No. 531,075	No. 540,261	No. 557,072	No. 562,614
Instruments connected ..	720,321	738,666	766,846	799,729	807,988

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscellaneous. £	Total. £
1943-44.									
New South Wales ..	182,287	79,000	14,897	276,184	423,452	2,070,935	214,192	60,303	2,345,430
Victoria ..	136,842	89,354	17,965	244,161	337,171	1,440,104	84,299	80,368	1,604,711
Queensland ..	68,247	50,788	6,103	125,138	264,346	692,880	59,837	65,565	818,282
South Australia ..	57,366	24,008	6,553	87,927	109,117	510,297	54,115	12,741	577,153
Western Australia ..	30,370	22,791	4,327	57,488	70,420	325,779	23,081	34,157	383,017
Tasmania ..	16,730	6,321	2,583	25,634	27,348	181,018	13,674	20,557	215,249
Northern Territory ..	174	1,570	35	1,779	1,177	1,878	537		2,415
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,375	437	97	1,909	2,577	9,881	1,421	69	11,371
Total ..	493,391	274,269	52,560	820,220	1,235,608	5,232,772	451,156	273,700	5,957,628
Total, 1942-43 ..	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,398	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,559

REGISTRATIONS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	183,665	137,148	68,607	58,389	29,554	16,796	174	1,383	495,716
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	79,938	93,626	51,912	24,492	22,521	6,429	1,570	449	280,937
Motor Cycles ..	15,196	18,512	6,106	6,871	3,720	2,592	35	95	53,127
Total ..	278,799	249,286	126,625	89,752	55,795	25,817	(b) 1,779	1,927	829,780
Total at 30th Sept., 1943 ..	263,811	234,108	118,365	84,229	54,998	24,317	(c) 1,229	1,868	782,925

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 31st August, 1944. (b) At 30th June, 1944. (c) At 30th June, 1943.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a) S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	52	106	2	12	11	7	..	190
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	816	763	581	249	179	117	..	2,705
Motor Cycles ..	2	37	..	2	87	..	..	128
Total ..	870	906	583	263	(b) 277	124	..	3,023
Total. Three months ended Sept., 1943 ..	819	912	606	296	335	110	2	3,080

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,038	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
" " 1939 ..	433,929	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
" " 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
" " 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
" " 1943(d) ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,419,793
" " 1944(d) ..	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
30th Sept., 1944(d)	563,425	408,923	179,221	155,916	99,632	50,338	1,457,455

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	77	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,802	955,802
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	493,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.		Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
				Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939	Year	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940	"	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941	"	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942	"	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943	"	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1932—June	Quarter(c)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1940—December	"	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941—March	"	398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June	"	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September	"	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	"	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March	"	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	"	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September	"	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	"	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	"	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	"	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	"	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	"	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	"	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	"	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September	"	389	680,218	7,947	1.2

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 72. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1939	Year	..	..	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940	"	..	..	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941	"	..	..	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	"	..	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	"	..	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1932—June	Quarter (b)	..	..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1939—December	"	..	..	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	"	..	..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June	" (c)	..	..	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	"	..	..	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	"	..	..	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	"	..	..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	"	..	..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	"	..	..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	"	..	..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	"	..	..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.3
June	"	..	..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	"	..	..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	"	..	..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	"	..	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	"	..	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	"	..	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	"	..	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	"	..	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	"	..	..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	"	..	..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 50. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1943.			1944.		
	June Qtr.(b)	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. . . .	39.6	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. . . .	33.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.1
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. . . .	19.3	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.0	1.8
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. . . .	22.6	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
V. Books, Printing, &c. . . .	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
VI. Other Manufacturing	43.0	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1
VII. Building	42.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. . . .	34.2	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous	22.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
All Groups	30.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 50.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 55.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment.(a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)
MALES (Thousands).										
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	151.7	164.5	212.3		112.6
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	54.0	391.5	142.0	208.0	115.0	128.0	140.0
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	144.0	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	136.5	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2
1942—July	420.3	888.1	1,308.4	47.7	513.2	116.8	205.3	79.4	96.6	111.8
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	91.3	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
July	412.9	857.3	1,270.2	44.8	519.1	89.7	206.1	71.0	87.7	106.6
Aug.	412.5	857.2	1,269.7	44.7	518.7	91.6	205.8	70.3	88.1	106.6
Nov.	409.0	862.0	1,271.0	44.6	516.3	90.8	207.7	70.2	88.8	108.2
Dec.	409.1	863.0	1,272.1	44.2	512.9	89.4	207.4	72.6	89.1	109.0
1944—Jan.	409.3	863.5	1,272.8	44.1	515.3	86.9	208.6	70.7	89.8	109.2
Feb.	408.5	865.7	1,274.2	44.4	516.2	85.3	210.2	70.3	90.3	109.7
Mar.	408.5	866.4	1,274.9	44.2	515.8	84.1	210.3	70.7	90.9	110.6
Apr.	406.2	864.0	1,270.2	43.9	513.9	81.3	211.0	70.6	90.6	111.0
May	405.8	865.0	1,270.8	44.2	514.2	80.0	211.4	70.9	90.5	111.5
June	404.0	866.9	1,270.9	44.2	515.1	77.8	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6
July	400.9	866.0	1,266.9	44.2	514.3	76.3	213.2	71.1	90.4	112.0
Aug.	400.6	867.3	1,267.9	44.2	513.1	73.8	215.6	71.6	91.3	112.9
FEMALES (Thousands).										
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3		130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.4	148.2	1.0	14.4	81.0	34.0	129.0
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	2.0	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4
1942—July	102.4	496.5	598.9	0.6	212.4	2.1	26.4	103.0	52.3	152.5
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	2.3	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
July	133.4	500.0	633.4	0.5	227.9	2.4	35.6	97.8	52.7	158.1
Aug.	134.4	501.3	635.7	0.6	227.7	2.4	35.9	97.0	52.9	159.6
Nov.	134.4	506.9	641.3	0.5	226.3	2.4	36.3	97.3	52.9	163.5
Dec.	134.1	507.4	641.5	0.5	224.2	2.4	36.7	99.6	52.3	162.7
1944—Jan.	133.8	502.6	636.4	0.7	221.8	2.4	36.6	95.3	52.3	163.3
Feb.	134.1	503.9	638.0	0.6	221.6	2.4	37.1	95.2	52.5	164.3
Mar.	134.4	506.6	641.0	0.7	222.6	2.5	36.9	94.7	52.4	166.1
Apr.	133.5	503.1	636.6	0.7	219.3	2.5	37.1	95.0	52.2	165.1
May	131.5	503.4	634.9	0.6	216.5	2.6	37.1	95.7	52.2	165.8
June	129.9	504.0	633.9	0.6	215.3	2.6	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5
July	129.3	505.9	635.2	0.6	214.7	2.6	37.4	95.5	52.4	168.1
Aug.	129.0	507.1	636.1	0.7	214.2	2.5	37.6	95.6	52.3	169.2
PERSONS (Thousands).										
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	152.4	175.5	299.6		243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	54.4	539.7	143.0	222.4	196.0	162.0	269.0
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	145.9	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	138.5	229.3	208.3	165.3	277.6
1942—July	522.7	1,384.6	1,907.3	48.3	725.6	118.9	231.7	182.4	148.9	264.3
1943—June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	93.6	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
July	546.3	1,357.3	1,903.6	45.3	747.0	92.1	241.7	168.8	140.4	264.7
Aug.	546.9	1,358.5	1,905.4	45.3	746.4	94.0	241.7	167.3	141.0	266.2
Nov.	543.4	1,368.9	1,912.3	45.1	742.6	93.2	244.0	167.5	141.7	271.7
Dec.	543.2	1,370.4	1,913.6	44.7	737.1	91.8	244.1	172.2	141.4	271.7
1944—Jan.	543.1	1,366.1	1,909.2	44.8	737.1	89.3	245.2	166.0	142.1	272.0
Feb.	542.6	1,369.6	1,912.2	45.0	737.8	87.7	247.3	165.5	142.8	274.5
Mar.	542.9	1,373.0	1,915.9	44.9	738.4	86.6	247.2	165.4	143.3	276.7
April	539.7	1,367.1	1,906.8	44.6	733.2	83.8	248.1	165.6	142.8	276.1
May	537.3	1,368.4	1,905.7	44.8	730.7	82.6	248.5	166.6	142.7	277.3
June	533.9	1,370.9	1,904.8	44.8	730.4	80.4	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1
July	530.2	1,371.9	1,902.1	44.8	729.0	78.9	250.6	166.6	142.8	280.1
Aug.	529.6	1,374.4	1,904.0	44.9	727.3	76.3	253.2	167.2	143.6	282.1

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are subject to revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				
							Govern-mental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Fac-tories (including War Con-tractors).	Total Fac-tories.	Index 1928-29=100.	
										Unad-justed.	Divided by Index of Total Popu-lation.
1928-29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	163	146
1942-43 ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	171	151
1943-44(b) ..	311.5	251.4	62.2	67.3	26.8	20.0	116.0	623.2	739.2	171	150
1943-44(b)—											
September ..	314.2	252.4	63.3	69.2	26.9	18.8	125.2	619.6	744.8	172	151
December ..	312.8	252.5	58.4	66.7	26.7	20.0	116.1	621.0	737.1	171	150
March ..	311.9	251.7	60.7	66.4	27.0	20.7	109.4	629.0	738.4	171	149
June ..	306.9	246.7	64.1	65.1	26.9	20.7	102.5	627.9	730.4	169	147
1944-45(b)—											
July ..	307.1	245.2	64.5	64.7	27.0	20.5	101.6	627.4	729.0	169	147
August ..	305.7	245.3	63.9	64.9	26.9	20.6	98.9	628.4	727.3	168	147

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other work.
 (b) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
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MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941 ..	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,904
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—March ..	687	694	698	736	686	782	698
June ..	694	695	697	744	695	781	702
July ..	689	700	697	748	703	783	702
August ..	696	699	705	752	706	788	707

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941 ..	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	76,544
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	951	937	1,019	959	974	938	958
1944—March ..	907	889	1,015	962	962	982	925
June ..	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
July ..	910	901	1,028	970	960	989	932
August ..	909	908	1,023	973	957	981	933

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941 ..	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—March ..	797	788	839	849	825	872	808
June ..	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
July ..	799	797	844	858	832	876	814
August ..	802	800	845	862	832	875	816

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1943 ..	689	2,771	250,754	5,623	256,377	720,275	76,236	796,511	971,069
1943—June Qtr.	192	463	85,168	770	85,938	171,107	55,260	226,367	255,183
Sept. "	171	481	49,261	1,239	50,500	162,184	14,400	176,584	207,373
Dec. "	134	150	33,699	3,141	36,840	155,798	..	155,798	208,136
1944—March "	205	221	57,529	1,825	59,354	202,098	745	202,843	277,389
June "	200	237	50,084	698	50,782	99,363	5,350	104,713	132,517
VICTORIA.									
Year—1943 ..	40	1,070	19,042	217	19,259	61,902	14,784	76,686	65,409
1943—June Qtr.	11	230	4,638	..	4,638	28,761	..	28,761	25,678
Sept. "	10	12	2,480	150	2,630	13,421	9,408	22,829	15,765
Dec. "	8	14	1,083	38	1,121	7,173	..	7,173	6,073
1944—March "	10	28	4,828	150	4,978	33,574	..	33,574	34,909
June "	15	18	1,445	..	1,445	4,744	..	4,744	3,823
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1943 ..	20	114	8,990	302	9,292	54,699	4,196	58,895	62,629
1943—June Qtr.	3	84	1,558	300	1,858	19,098	..	19,098	18,203
Sept. "	2	2	2,113	..	2,113	5,243	580	5,823	6,682
Dec. "	8	19	2,959	..	2,959	15,442	3,616	19,058	20,652
1944—March "	6	7	2,245	..	2,245	10,560	..	10,560	14,082
June "	4	4	1,809	..	1,809	15,601	..	15,601	17,724
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1943 ..	24	442	7,602	841	8,443	19,420	..	19,420	13,490
1943—June Qtr.	4	5	2,238	..	2,238	3,031	..	3,031	2,785
Sept. "	4	4	613	66	679	2,229	..	2,229	1,271
Dec. "	11	14	3,905	775	4,680	10,090	..	10,090	6,695
1944—March "	7	48	5,645	..	5,645	51,056	..	51,056	55,461
June "	11	11	2,539	43	2,582	3,679	..	3,679	3,628
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1943 ..	10	82	1,594	950	2,544	37,248	1,190	38,438	40,733
1943—June Qtr.	1	1	652	..	652	7,172	1,190	8,362	9,325
Sept. "	1	1	130	..	130	130	..	130	183
Dec. "	6	6	563	950	1,513	29,199	..	29,199	30,346
1944—March "	4	4	1,454	2,900	4,354	5,076	45,000	50,076	48,245
June "	4	11	506	..	506	4,436	..	4,436	5,809
TASMANIA.									
Year—1943 ..	2	2	46	142	188	201	..	201	176
1943—June Qtr.	1	1	13	..	13	26	..	26	15
Sept. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1944—March "	1	1	49	..	49	49	..	49	60
June "	1	1	114	..	114	228	..	228	250
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1943 ..	785	4,481	288,028	8,075	296,103	893,745	96,406	990,151	1,153,506
1943—June Qtr.	212	784	94,267	1,070	95,337	229,195	56,450	285,645	311,189
Sept. "	188	500	54,597	1,455	56,052	183,207	24,388	207,595	231,274
Dec. "	167	203	42,209	4,904	47,113	217,702	3,616	221,318	271,902
1944—March "	233	309	71,750	4,875	76,625	302,413	45,745	348,158	430,146
June "	235	282	56,497	741	57,238	128,051	5,350	133,401	163,751

**Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and
Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1944.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	119/6	119/5	115/1	117/8	116/1	120/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/8½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8	2/7½	2/9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/6	119/4	120/9	115/10	124/8	120/9	120/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/9	2/7½	2/10	2/9	2/9
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/1	116/7	114/10	116/1	117/4	112/10	117/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/7½	2/7½	2/7½	2/8	2/6½	2/8
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/0	118/5	123/6	123/6	119/2	114/1	118/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8½	2/9½	2/9½	2/8½	2/7	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/7	136/2	125/7	128/1	145/1	128/6	134/3
	Working Hours	43.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.77
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/3	2/11½	2/11½	3/4½	2/11½	3/1½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/5	117/3	115/0	115/11	118/1	115/7	118/3
	Working Hours	43.89	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.08	43.91	43.87
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8	2/7½	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/0	131/5	120/2	119/0	125/8	123/0	123/6
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	2/11½	3/0	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	128/4	121/0	128/7	94/0	6136/1	115/3	126/5
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.93	43.79	40.50	41.33	40.80
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	2/11½	3/1½	2/1½	3/4½	2/9½	3/1½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	123/9	122/4	119/0	114/11	118/9	112/9	121/2
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/9½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½	2/6½	2/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	114/6	110/4	110/3	106/7	116/1	105/8	111/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/6	2/6	2/5	2/7½	2/4½	2/6½
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage ^d	122/8	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage ^e	119/6	117/8	118/8	116/6	117/9	122/6	118/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage ^e	111/9	111/7	105/8	102/8	106/10	101/0	109/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage ^e	2/6½	2/6½	2/4½	2/4	2/4½	2/3½	2/5½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/7	114/11	108/9	107/6	113/9	109/7	113/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.77	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/6½	2/5½	2/5	2/7	2/6	2/6½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	121/2	118/8	116/11	113/4	121/3	116/5	119/0
All Groups except XI. and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage	121/6	118/8	116/2	111/9	121/11	113/7	118/11
	Working Hours	43.53	43.91	43.18	44.21	43.16	43.39	43.62
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/6½	2/10	2/7½	2/8½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	61/5	64/1	58/1	55/9	53/10	64/9	62/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4½	1/5½	1/3½	1/3½	1/2½	1/5½	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	70/7	71/9	75/3	75/3	63/5	71/8	71/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/7½	1/8½	1/8½	1/5½	1/7½	1/7½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	69/11	74/7	64/11	65/3	..	60/3	71/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8½	1/5½	1/6	..	1/4½	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage <i>b</i>	63/11	70/11	68/7	55/8	68/6	56/11	66/3
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage <i>b</i>	1/5½	1/7½	1/6½	1/3½	1/6½	1/3½	1/6½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	77/0	78/9	78/5	55/8	..	..	75/7
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9	1/9½	1/3½	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	70/4	72/10	73/3	65/4	65/9	66/7	71/0
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7½	1/7½	1/8	1/5½	1/6	1/6½	1/7½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th June, 1944.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8	55	7
" " 1938	95	0	91	2	95	10	87	1	99	1	88	5	93	5
" " 1939	96	7	94	0	97	5	88	11	100	6	89	5	95	3
" " 1940	99	7	97	0	97	9	92	11	104	0	92	7	98	1
" " 1941	105	4	104	5	101	9	100	3	110	2	99	3	104	3
" " 1942	118	3	116	7	110	2	112	3	117	7	108	2	115	8
31st December, 1943	121	3	119	7	116	10	113	9	122	2	116	9	119	5
31st March, 1944	121	2	118	9	116	11	113	4	120	11	116	2	119	0
30th June, 1944	121	2	118	8	116	11	113	4	121	3	116	5	119	0

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
" " 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1942	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
31st December, 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
31st March, 1944	2,364	2,317	2,281	2,211	2,360	2,267	2,322
30th June, 1944	2,364	2,315	2,282	2,211	2,365	2,271	2,322

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914	26	10	27	3	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10	27	5
" " 1938	51	10	50	7	53	6	47	9	54	4	49	8	51	4
" " 1939	53	3	51	9	55	2	49	7	55	8	50	8	52	3
" " 1940	54	9	53	5	56	0	52	1	57	6	53	1	54	3
" " 1941	57	11	58	4	59	4	55	5	60	4	56	7	58	2
" " 1942	63	10	64	11	66	6	60	3	64	2	61	3	64	4
31st December, 1943	67	11	70	2	69	9	61	3	66	6	63	3	68	4
31st March, 1944	70	2	73	0	73	5	65	6	65	9	66	9	71	1
30th June, 1944	70	4	72	10	73	3	65	4	65	9	66	7	71	0

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,823	1,887
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,868	1,938
" " 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,966
" " 1941	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
" " 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
31st December, 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
31st March, 1944	2,582	2,688	2,703	2,412	2,419	2,456	2,616
30th June, 1944	2,588	2,682	2,697	2,406	2,419	2,450	2,614

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.43	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(4.18.0)	(2.13.0)	(1.8.44)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " "
Western Australia(e)	4 19 11	2 13 11	1.7.44	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4.14 0)	(2.11.0)	(1.11.44)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 1s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.44 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 1d.; Females, £2 17s. 10d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 0s. 9d.; Females, £2 14s. 5d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st November, 1943.	1st February, 1944.	1st May, 1944.	1st August, 1944.	1st November, 1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne ..	98 0	97 0	97 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane ..	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide ..	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Perth ..	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	94 0
Hobart ..	95 0	94 0	94 0	93 0	94 0
Six Capitals ..	97 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filled.

State.	1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	17	70	22	65	49	72	23	24	11
Victoria ..	173	..	170	..	262	..	202	..	129	..
Queensland ..	50	25	34	45	53	16	27	29	17	35
South Australia ..	18	7	53	7	167	8	160	12	44	7
Western Australia ..	20	25	31	21	30	18	19	19	6	14
Tasmania ..	18	..	18	..	21	..	19	..	20	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	21	25	13	7	3	52	20	44	17
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	1	..	1	..	5	..	4	..	3	..
Total ..	375	95	402	108	610	94	555	103	287	84

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.		1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	936	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,039	1,015	1,019	1,025	1,035
Melbourne	523	942	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,056	1,037	1,039	1,047	1,063
Brisbane	569	864	889	911	972	975	968	950	968	967	964
Adelaide	570	897	900	905	1,012	1,003	1,003	985	989	995	999
Perth	753	938	949	981	1,029	1,059	1,062	1,045	1,051	1,057	1,067
Hobart	592	923	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,075	1,058	1,029	1,026	1,044
Weighted Average ..	559	927	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,036	1,015	1,020	1,026	1,036

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne	569	955	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	974	973
Brisbane	373	854	857	860	862	862	862	862	863	863	863
Adelaide	706	888	892	893	893	893	892	893	892	892	892
Perth	524	881	882	883	885	885	885	885	886	886	886
Hobart	452	925	933	933	933	931	931	931	931	931	932
Weighted Average ..	612	965	973	976	976	975	975	975	976	976	975

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030	1,036
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016	1,026
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	925	914	925	924	922
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	958	947	949	953	955
Perth	672	914	921	941	971	989	991	980	984	988	994
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,016	1,006	988	987	998
Weighted Average ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,010	997	1,000	1,004	1,010

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.		1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept., Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030	1,036
Newcastle	934	950	959	1,005	1,000	999	985	988	987	990
Broken Hill	970	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,041	1,045	1,049	1,050	1,062
Goulburn	942	950	957	1,009	1,007	1,004	994	1,001	999	1,000
Bathurst	900	908	910	957	953	952	940	945	952	956
Weighted Average(a)	..	969	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,034	1,020	1,023	1,026	1,032
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016	1,026
Ballarat	849	843	841	894	908	911	899	899	906	916
Bendigo	851	864	868	920	923	922	916	918	921	930
Geelong	917	915	912	956	962	964	950	951	957	968
Warrnambool	940	944	941	984	993	992	979	979	990	1,006
Weighted Average(a)	..	938	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,013	1,001	1,002	1,008	1,017
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	925	914	925	924	922
Toowoomba	830	849	857	913	927	916	934	945	946	943
Rockhampton	843	854	863	901	904	898	900	909	911	907
Townsville	920	925	933	974	970	964	962	973	976	975
Bundaberg	804	817	835	878	888	883	878	887	889	884
Weighted Average(a)	..	858	873	886	926	928	924	916	927	927	925
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	958	947	949	953	955
Kadina, &c.	743	739	738	789	784	782	776	775	776	778
Port Pirie	882	877	889	943	932	931	918	920	925	927
Mount Gambier	838	828	832	879	877	878	870	872	879	893
Peterborough	890	895	893	936	926	924	912	913	919	931
Weighted Average(a)	..	885	888	892	955	950	950	939	941	945	948
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	672	914	921	941	971	989	991	980	984	988	994
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,111	1,114	1,120	1,126
Northam	936	946	980	1,005	1,001	1,000	991	992	1,002	1,007
Bunbury	979	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,008	995	1,003	1,011	1,018
Geraldton	990	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,084	1,074	1,077	1,083	1,089
Weighted Average(a)	..	936	943	964	988	1,001	1,003	992	996	1,000	1,006
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,016	1,006	988	987	998
Launceston	887	901	913	948	953	961	948	932	932	942
Burnie	898	914	937	973	998	1,002	994	975	947	958
Devonport	865	882	898	928	942	949	942	921	913	926
Queenstown	933	942	947	970	1,005	1,011	1,002	995	998	1,011
Weighted Average(a)	..	908	923	937	978	988	995	984	967	965	976
Weighted Average for 30 towns	935	945	952	1,001	1,005	1,004	992	995	998	1,004
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,010	997	1,000	1,004	1,010
Warwick (Q.) (c)	783	799	817	856	872	870	871	880	888	887
Port Augusta (c)	864	878	896	932	914	913	902	903	909	925
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c)	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,069	1,058	1,061	1,057	1,060

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns.

(b) New series from 1933. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1933, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1943.			1944.			Per- cent- age in- crease from July, 1914, to Sept., 1944.
	July.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—								
Sydney	645	1,071	1,026	1,020	1,038	1,038	1,029	59.5
Newcastle	642	1,096	1,052	1,048	1,054	1,051	1,044	62.6
Broken Hill	821	1,240	1,212	1,238	1,268	1,269	1,255	52.9
Goulburn	661	1,115	1,072	1,072	1,080	1,083	1,077	62.9
Bathurst	613	1,055	1,014	1,007	1,034	1,035	1,027	67.5
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	652	1,076	1,032	1,026	1,044	1,043	1,035	58.7
VICTORIA—								
Melbourne	619	1,077	1,048	1,044	1,071	1,066	1,053	70.1
Ballarat	617	1,070	1,033	1,028	1,052	1,051	1,046	69.5
Bendigo	619	1,060	1,022	1,039	1,061	1,057	1,044	68.7
Geelong	609	1,039	1,008	1,003	1,026	1,031	1,013	66.3
Warrnambool	608	1,059	1,022	1,019	1,057	1,061	1,051	72.9
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	618	1,074	1,045	1,041	1,068	1,064	1,052	70.2
QUEENSLAND—								
Brisbane	591	1,002	953	950	966	966	960	62.4
Toowoomba	582	991	943	935	1,005	1,004	994	70.8
Rockhampton	646	1,012	958	984	1,002	1,000	997	54.3
Townsville .. .. .	..	1,061	1,009	1,023	1,052	1,052	1,042	..
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	1,051	1,003	1,017	1,030	1,021	1,019	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	605	1,008	958	958	979	978	972	60.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—								
Adelaide	699	1,024	996	990	1,005	1,003	990	41.6
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	1,063	1,031	1,029	1,036	1,036	1,028	49.4
Port Pirie	722	1,100	1,065	1,059	1,073	1,073	1,056	46.3
Mount Gambier	595	1,003	977	978	1,011	1,011	1,011	69.9
Peterborough	749	1,059	1,025	1,022	1,055	1,051	1,038	38.6
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	697	1,028	999	994	1,009	1,007	994	42.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—								
Perth and Fremantle	749	1,089	1,052	1,046	1,069	1,071	1,061	41.7
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,207	1,168	1,160	1,187	1,192	1,184	27.2
Northam .. .. .	..	1,099	1,058	1,052	1,085	1,084	1,072	..
Bunbury	793	1,071	1,022	1,014	1,053	1,051	1,045	31.8
Geraldton	808	1,129	1,095	1,089	1,117	1,114	1,105	36.8
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	790	1,098	1,061	1,054	1,079	1,081	1,071	35.6
TASMANIA—								
Hobart	678	1,083	1,070	1,071	1,032	1,052	1,047	54.4
Launceston	640	1,040	1,023	1,024	989	1,003	998	55.9
Burnie .. .. .	..	1,120	1,095	1,093	1,025	1,042	1,028	..
Devonport .. .. .	..	1,081	1,062	1,062	1,019	1,041	1,027	..
Queenstown	785	1,161	1,136	1,143	1,138	1,155	1,152	56.7
Weighted Average for 5 Towns	672	1,074	1,058	1,060	1,022	1,040	1,034	53.9
Weighted Average for 30 Towns	651	1,065	1,027	1,023	1,043	1,041	1,032	58.5
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities	645	1,063	1,026	1,020	1,040	1,039	1,029	59.5
(a) Lithgow (N) .. .. .	..	1,092	1,052	1,047	1,076	1,076	1,070	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	1,060	1,022	1,016	1,063	1,075	1,068	..
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	986	944	957	989	984	985	62.8
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,083	1,052	1,049	1,069	1,066	1,058	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,185	1,158	1,164	1,140	1,136	1,136	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,158	1,115	1,108	1,114	1,112	1,108	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index—Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.		1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	936	974	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,154	1,143	1,143	1,143	1,146
Newcastle ..	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,109	1,112	1,098	1,097	1,089	1,093
Broken Hill ..	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,175	1,175	1,174	1,184
Goulburn ..	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,136	1,116	1,118	1,119	1,117
Bathurst ..	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,096	1,082	1,085	1,086	1,090
Weighted Average(b)	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,151	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,142
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,139	1,128	1,129	1,133	1,140
Ballarat ..	850	874	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,087	1,075	1,074	1,082	1,087
Bendigo ..	854	875	920	963	1,054	1,096	1,097	1,094	1,095	1,101	1,104
Geelong ..	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,117	1,100	1,103	1,112	1,118
Warrnambool ..	892	918	954	998	1,078	1,126	1,128	1,115	1,115	1,122	1,138
Weighted Average(b)	893	920	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,136	1,125	1,125	1,129	1,136
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	870	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,074	1,068	1,072	1,072	1,071
Toowoomba ..	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,078	1,083	1,087	1,085	1,084
Rockhampton ..	853	867	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,073	1,075	1,076	1,074
Townsville ..	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,114	1,113	1,116	1,119	1,117
Bundaberg ..	831	847	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,053	1,053	1,056	1,060	1,057
Weighted Average(b)	854	871	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,076	1,072	1,075	1,076	1,075
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	906	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,106	1,099	1,098	1,096	1,101
Kadina, &c. ..	786	810	833	882	962	998	1,004	998	996	992	995
Port Pirie ..	868	866	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,091	1,081	1,081	1,077	1,084
Mount Gambier ..	849	872	894	946	1,024	1,061	1,067	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,071
Peterborough ..	868	897	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,090	1,083	1,083	1,082	1,095
Weighted Average(b)	883	902	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,101	1,094	1,093	1,091	1,096
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,110	1,100	1,102	1,103	1,110
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,197	1,189	1,193	1,195	1,204
Northam ..	900	915	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,117	1,107	1,109	1,113	1,118
Bunbury ..	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,109	1,097	1,104	1,109	1,118
Geraldton ..	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,179	1,171	1,174	1,177	1,184
Weighted Average(b)	897	915	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,118	1,108	1,110	1,112	1,118
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	908	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,125	1,117	1,105	1,100	1,110
Launceston ..	872	888	926	974	1,040	1,078	1,086	1,076	1,067	1,061	1,072
Burnie ..	865	879	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,094	1,089	1,076	1,056	1,069
Devonport ..	848	861	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,069	1,056	1,040	1,031	1,045
Queenstown ..	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,103	1,098	1,095	1,096	1,110
Weighted Average(b)	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,108	1,100	1,089	1,083	1,094
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	894	917	954	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,130	1,120	1,120	1,121	1,125
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,133	1,123	1,124	1,125	1,129
Port Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	834	867	928	1,007	1,055	1,059	1,057	1,059	1,062	1,063
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	883	915	980	1,052	1,073	1,077	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,085
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	..	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,170	1,159	1,160	1,150	1,152

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1938 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Five Towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1943.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b)	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b)	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b)	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
Quarter—						
1939—March ..	935	959	942	832	960	919
June	925	963	938	836	961	917
September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
December ..	927	969	941	858	967	926
1940—March ..	917	971	936	888	973	930
June	944	972	953	936	997	954
September ..	937	973	949	959	1,007	959
December ..	956	974	961	1,040	1,013	986
1941—March ..	958	976	963	1,057	1,039	995
June	939	976	951	1,104	1,047	1,000
September ..	936	976	949	1,128	1,073	1,009
December ..	954	976	960	1,182	1,080	1,029
1942—March ..	991	977	983	1,216	1,095	1,053
June	1,025	976	1,003	1,285	1,099	1,081
September ..	1,055	976	1,022	1,342	1,110	1,106
December ..	1,051	976	1,019	1,388	1,144	1,122
1943—March ..	1,040	975	1,012	1,409	1,149	1,123
June	1,058	975	1,023	1,466	1,158	1,143
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,450	1,165	1,133
December ..	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123

(a) The Index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.84	d. 5.84	d. 5.84	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 7.00	d. 7.00	d. 7.00	d. 6.25	d. 6.25	d. 6.25	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.79	4.79	4.79	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.15	8.20	8.20	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.70	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	8.90
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.86	27.86	27.86	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.60	13.60	13.60	14.93	14.93	14.93	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.40	15.40	15.40
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.93	9.79	9.79	9.71	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.68	3.68	3.68	4.05	4.04	4.04	4.46	4.42	4.42	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.06	4.06	4.06
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.50	12.50	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.14	13.36	13.29	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.85	10.70	10.75	10.80	10.90	11.00	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.13	11.10	11.10	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried (a)	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.13	13.56	13.56	13.25	13.50	13.64	15.60	15.67	15.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	14.17	14.20
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.75	14.38	14.38	14.25	14.25	14.25	16.33	15.80	15.83	14.75	15.00	15.00	14.63	15.00	15.17
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.66	8.66	8.66	8.58	8.58	8.58	12.43	12.43	12.50	8.84	8.87	8.87	8.48	8.48	8.48
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.58	3.58	3.80	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40	3.40
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.37	7.37	7.37
Kerosene ..	quart	6.28	6.22	6.22	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.45	7.48	7.48
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.60	17.60	17.60	18.00	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	23.22	23.20	22.20	23.14	23.14	22.29	31.43	29.43	22.86	23.00	23.00	22.00	29.00	28.60	23.70
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.07	22.06	22.06	21.57	21.57	21.57	24.07	24.07	24.00	22.10	22.70	22.70	23.00	23.00	23.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.79	10.79	10.79	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.35	12.35	12.40	13.21	13.21	13.21	16.50	16.50	16.50	12.90	13.10	13.10	10.70	10.70	10.70
" rib ..	"	8.75	8.85	8.85	9.00	8.93	8.86	14.57	14.36	14.64	9.63	9.88	9.88	8.60	8.60	8.60
" steak, rump ..	"	21.05	20.70	21.00	17.43	17.43	17.43	24.00	24.00	24.00	17.60	17.60	17.60	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chuck ..	"	9.20	9.25	9.20	9.71	9.71	9.71	13.93	14.50	15.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.60	8.60	8.60
" sausages ..	"	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.10	10.10	10.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	16.07	16.07	16.00	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
" brisket ..	"	7.55	7.60	7.60	8.21	8.21	8.21	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.00	9.00	8.95	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.14	11.29	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.60	9.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.35	5.25	5.00	6.07	5.79	5.79	8.00	8.00	7.57	6.20	6.20	6.30	5.20	5.20	5.00
" loin ..	"	10.85	10.85	10.75	10.64	10.43	10.36	9.14	9.00	8.14	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.60	9.60	9.40
" chops, loin ..	"	11.80	11.70	11.45	11.50	11.21	11.14	13.57	13.86	12.71	11.40	11.30	11.30	9.80	9.80	9.60
" leg ..	"	10.80	10.85	10.80	11.64	11.43	11.36	13.00	13.00	12.36	10.80	10.90	10.90	9.60	9.60	9.50
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.71	15.71	15.86	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin (a) ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops (a) ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..																
4 and 5 Rooms ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.12	..	..	243.51	..	..	189.48	..	..	221.88	..	..	212.19	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.80	4.80	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	7.93	7.93	8.07	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.30	8.30	8.30
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.36	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.30	27.50	27.50	27.40	27.40	27.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.57	11.57	11.57	12.00	12.00	12.07	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.90	11.90	11.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.69	3.69	3.69	3.89	3.86	3.86	3.93	3.93	3.93	3.85	3.85	3.85	4.05	4.05	4.05
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20
Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.25
Pears, canned (a)	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.17	14.17	14.17	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.83	13.83	13.88	14.25	14.25	14.25
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.24	8.19	8.24	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown(a)	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.57	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.95	6.79	6.79	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.35	7.30	7.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.22	16.22	16.22	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.57	16.64	16.64	15.10	15.38	15.38	15.90	15.90	15.90
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.10	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	21.86	28.00	28.00	22.00	23.00	28.00	22.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.56	22.72	22.72	24.14	23.21	23.29	24.58	22.83	22.50	23.70	22.80	22.50	24.10	22.90	22.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.00	10.05	10.05	10.36	10.43	10.43	10.86	10.93	10.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.57	13.57	13.71	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.40	12.60	12.60	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib ..	"	11.40	11.40	11.40	10.14	10.43	10.57	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.10	9.50	9.50	9.60	10.00	10.00
" steak, rump ..	"	21.30	21.40	21.40	18.86	19.14	19.71	18.29	18.29	18.29	18.80	19.00	19.00	17.40	17.60	17.60
" chuck ..	"	10.35	10.35	10.35	9.57	9.71	9.86	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60	10.00	10.00
" sausages ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.40	8.60	8.60
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.43	12.71	12.86	11.86	11.86	11.57	12.20	12.40	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00
" " brisket ..	"	9.45	9.40	9.40	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.71	9.71	9.71	8.40	8.60	8.60	9.20	9.20	9.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.20	11.36	11.14	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.36	10.70	10.60	9.70	11.10	11.30	11.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.95	6.80	6.60	7.00	6.86	6.64	6.71	6.71	6.29	6.40	6.20	5.40	7.30	7.40	7.10
" loin ..	"	10.25	10.15	9.70	9.36	9.14	9.07	8.86	8.86	8.79	9.50	9.90	8.80	9.10	9.30	9.00
" chops, loin ..	"	11.25	11.15	10.70	10.14	9.93	10.00	10.43	10.43	10.14	10.10	10.40	9.70	10.30	10.70	10.40
" " leg ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.35	12.21	11.93	11.64	10.43	10.43	10.07	10.90	11.20	10.40	10.70	10.90	10.60
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
" loin(a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
" chops(a) ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	262.43	..	..	179.06	..	..	187.02	..	..	239.23	..	..	234.94	..

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER., 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.57	4.57	4.57	5.36	5.43	5.43	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.59	8.59	8.59	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.70	27.70	27.70	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.55	12.61	12.45	13.43	13.43	12.66	13.93	13.93	14.00	14.60	14.60	14.60	13.10	12.75	13.30
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.11	4.11	4.25	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.39	12.50	12.55	13.50	13.50	13.75	13.55	13.55	14.00	13.75	13.40	13.87	13.30	13.30	13.30
Currants ..	"	11.20	11.10	11.15	11.36	11.36	11.00	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.38	11.38	11.40
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	16.00	15.70	15.70	16.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	16.80	16.50	16.50	16.25	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.87	8.87	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.70	10.60	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.07	3.07	2.83	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.26	7.26	7.26
Kerosene ..	quart	5.70	5.70	5.72	6.36	6.36	6.36	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.33	6.33	6.33
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.64	15.64	15.71	16.90	16.90	16.90	15.30	15.30	15.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	27.90	27.64	22.00	25.86	24.29	15.57	25.71	22.57	19.57	30.00	30.00	25.33	26.00	18.00	15.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.86	21.86	21.86	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.17	22.17	22.13	21.90	21.90	21.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.77	9.77	9.77	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.29	7.29	7.29	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
" rib (a) ..	"	6.33	6.22	6.22	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
" steak, rump ..	"	16.90	16.90	16.90	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	7.90	7.95	7.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
" sausages ..	"	7.75	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.10	9.10	9.10
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.20
" brisket ..	"	7.90	7.95	7.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.10	9.10	9.10
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.45	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.00	5.05	5.05	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.36	6.36	6.36	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.45	8.45	8.40	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.10	10.10	10.10
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin (a) ..	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops (a) ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.74	..	..	216.22	..	..	206.85	..	..	217.71	..	..	169.04	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PRIDE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.50	13.50	13.40	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.90	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.63	3.65	3.75	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.60	11.60	11.60	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.26	13.36	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.90	14.67	14.67	15.60	15.50	15.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.67	15.67	15.33
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.50	14.58	15.60	15.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.67	15.67	15.33
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.44	8.44	8.44	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.35	10.35	10.35	8.78	9.03	9.27	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.78	2.88	2.88	2.67	2.67	2.67	3.29	3.64	3.64	2.38	2.38	2.38	3.00	3.13	3.13
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.66	5.66	5.66	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.83	14.83	14.83	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.60	16.20	16.20	16.50	16.50	13.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.25	28.25	22.30	26.00	26.00	18.00	27.00	26.33	18.83	25.80	24.80	16.60	26.00	26.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.57	20.57	20.57	21.50	21.50	21.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.25	21.25	21.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.88	9.88	9.88
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.05	12.05	12.00	11.29	11.29	11.43	10.29	10.29	10.29	12.00	12.00	12.40	11.17	11.17	11.17
" rib ..	"	9.94	10.00	9.89	10.57	10.57	10.64	10.07	10.07	10.00	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.17	9.17	9.17
" steak, rump ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	15.00	15.00	15.29	17.14	17.14	17.14	15.80	15.80	17.00	16.33	16.33	16.33
" chuck ..	"	10.35	10.40	10.40	10.29	10.21	10.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	8.40	8.40	9.50	10.17	10.17	10.17
" sausages ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.40	6.40	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" " brisket ..	"	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.86	9.86	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.20	9.20	9.40	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.60	10.55	10.50	9.36	9.36	9.50	10.64	10.64	10.21	10.00	10.00	10.60	9.67	9.50	9.50
" forequarter ..	"	5.55	5.25	5.00	5.93	5.86	5.79	6.83	6.86	6.36	5.80	5.70	5.50	5.83	5.33	5.33
" loin ..	"	9.25	8.95	8.40	8.00	8.00	7.64	8.57	8.57	8.14	8.80	8.60	8.20	10.00	9.83	9.50
" chops, loin ..	"	10.20	9.85	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.71	10.86	10.86	9.93	9.60	9.60	9.00	10.67	10.17	9.50
" " leg ..	"	10.60	10.50	10.40	9.43	9.43	9.36	10.86	10.79	10.50	10.20	10.20	10.60	10.33	10.17	10.17
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.61	..	..	96.61	..	..	179.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	189.64	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE			Kalgoorlie and Boulder.			NORTHAM			MUNBURY			Geraldton		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.38	27.38	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.75	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.79	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.75	12.78	12.80	13.80	13.83	13.83	13.17	13.17	13.13	13.00	13.17	13.17	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.33	10.33	10.33	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.42	17.42	17.42	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.47	8.46	8.42	9.93	10.07	9.93	9.00	9.25	9.25	8.33	8.35	8.45	9.50	9.30	9.40
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	2.85	3.70	3.70	3.36	4.00	4.00	2.88	2.88	2.88	3.13	4.50	4.50	3.30	3.30	3.30
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.80	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.61	6.61	6.61	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild (a) ..	"	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	27.70	22.00	31.71	31.14	22.86	27.67	27.25	16.50	27.33	23.50	17.50	26.60	24.00	18.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.40	20.40	20.40	21.43	21.57	21.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.85	9.85	9.85	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.13	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.60	12.60	13.00	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.67
" rib ..	"	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.43	11.43	11.43	10.63	10.63	10.63	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.50	10.50	10.67
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.50	18.50	18.33
" chuck ..	"	10.85	10.85	11.00	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.50	11.50	11.33
" sausages ..	"	8.90	8.90	9.00	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.75	10.75	11.00	12.43	12.57	12.57	11.38	11.38	11.38	10.40	10.40	10.40	11.50	11.50	11.33
" brisket ..	"	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.50	9.50	9.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.25	11.25	11.00	11.71	12.00	12.00	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.33
" forequarter ..	"	7.15	7.15	6.95	7.50	7.64	7.64	7.75	7.50	7.50	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.00	7.00	6.83
" loin ..	"	11.00	11.00	10.80	11.00	11.21	11.21	11.00	10.88	10.88	11.60	11.50	11.50	12.67	12.67	12.83
" chops, loin ..	"	11.95	11.95	11.00	12.14	12.36	12.36	11.88	11.75	11.75	11.60	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.33
" leg ..	"	12.00	12.00	11.00	12.21	12.29	12.29	11.63	11.75	11.75	11.60	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.33
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		232.78			260.60			226.21			245.15			266.48	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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Article.	Unit	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.40	3.79	3.79	3.93	4.60	4.60	4.80	4.50	4.50	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.88
" self-raising ..	"	7.20	7.20	7.30	7.29	7.29	7.14	8.40	8.40	7.70	8.20	8.20	7.40	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.05	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago(a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.65	9.65	9.70	9.00	9.14	9.36	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.90	9.90	9.80	9.38	9.38	10.38
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.25	8.25	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.64	8.10	8.10	8.00	7.80	7.80	7.90	9.38	9.38	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.95	3.95	3.78	3.68	3.68	3.71	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.80	4.75	4.75	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.61	12.61	12.67	12.57	12.71	12.71	12.30	12.30	12.70	12.80	12.80	13.00	12.88	12.88	13.38
Currants ..	"	10.80	10.80	11.00	10.57	10.57	10.71	10.30	10.30	10.70	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.67	10.67	11.17
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.30	13.30	13.50	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.30	13.67	13.38	14.00	14.00	13.67	14.25	14.25	14.50
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.38	13.50	13.13	14.33	14.33	13.67	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.34	8.34	8.34	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.32	8.32	8.32	10.86	11.06	10.86
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	2.90	2.90	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.50	3.50	3.50
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.59
Kerosene ..	quart	7.29	7.29	7.11	7.39	7.41	7.25	7.54	7.54	7.48	7.75	7.75	7.55	8.72	8.72	7.88
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.60	17.60	16.10	15.83	15.83	16.00	16.90	16.90	16.00	17.20	17.20	16.20	17.33	17.33	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	27.67	22.00	28.20	28.20	19.00	24.80	24.60	17.00	29.63	29.63	24.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.10	10.10	10.35	9.93	9.93	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.30	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.38	10.38	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.30	13.00	13.00	11.21	11.71	11.1	11.50	12.00	12.00	10.83	12.00	12.00	12.33	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	10.50	11.00	11.00	9.14	9.93	9.93	10.50	10.88	10.88	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.67	12.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.25	18.00	18.00	15.00	15.71	15.71	14.38	15.00	15.00	13.17	15.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	17.00
" chuck ..	"	10.30	10.90	10.90	8.71	9.57	9.57	9.25	10.00	10.00	9.17	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.67	12.67
" sausages ..	"	7.67	7.78	7.78	7.64	7.71	7.71	8.38	8.25	8.25	8.17	8.00	8.00	9.17	9.33	9.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.00	12.90	13.00	10.43	10.86	10.86	10.50	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" brisket ..	"	10.10	10.35	10.40	9.14	9.29	9.29	9.50	9.88	9.88	9.50	10.00	10.00	11.33	11.67	12.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.35	11.00	11.00	9.64	10.14	10.14	10.50	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.25	7.00	7.00	6.21	6.71	6.71	6.38	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.00	9.67	11.00	11.00
" loin ..	"	10.00	10.50	10.40	9.36	9.71	9.71	9.38	9.88	9.88	9.50	10.00	10.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.45	11.00	11.00	10.07	10.14	10.14	10.38	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" leg ..	"	10.75	11.90	11.90	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.38	10.88	10.88	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	..	251.31	..	..	232.37	..	..	213.71	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.31	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,252	1,128	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,435	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,005	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,053
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,113	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 83 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1940-41—										
April ..	1,088	1,410	1,131	1,241	1,287	1,284	1,062	1,382	1,043	1,143
May ..	1,090	1,410	1,153	1,241	1,355	1,307	1,061	1,401	1,040	1,147
June ..	1,090	1,411	1,155	1,241	1,295	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
1941-42—										
July ..	1,123	1,412	1,131	1,241	1,300	1,310	1,099	1,416	1,070	1,172
August ..	1,127	1,437	1,145	1,265	1,299	1,310	1,130	1,425	1,097	1,195
September ..	1,165	1,461	1,157	1,363	1,299	1,310	1,144	1,472	1,108	1,215
October ..	1,165	1,465	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,102	1,217
November ..	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,339	1,326	1,146	1,527	1,097	1,225
December ..	1,173	1,489	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,125	1,516	1,088	1,215
January ..	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,406	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,102	1,223
February ..	1,175	1,530	1,185	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
March ..	1,175	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,160	1,523	1,130	1,246
April ..	1,206	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,510	1,154	1,269
May ..	1,208	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,680	1,181	1,327
June ..	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,326	1,694	1,219	1,358
1942-43—										
July ..	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,653	1,232	1,356
August ..	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
September ..	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,394	1,724	1,237	1,379
October ..	1,302	1,649	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November ..	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,529	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,365
December ..	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January ..	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,398	1,691	1,210	1,790	1,166	1,350
February ..	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,363
March ..	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,265	1,802	1,206	1,382
April ..	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
May ..	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,275	1,801	1,216	1,388
June ..	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,398	1,741	1,298	1,824	1,228	1,404
1943-44—										
July ..	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,305	1,824	1,233	1,407
August ..	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,291	1,823	1,222	1,398
September ..	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,297	1,828	1,224	1,402
October ..	1,310	1,691	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,826	1,216	1,396
November ..	1,310	1,694	1,486	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,829	1,206	1,389
December ..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,821	1,209	1,389
January ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,289	1,832	1,215	1,397
May ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June ..	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45—										
July ..	1,308	1,697	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,316	1,819	1,243	1,413
August ..	1,308	1,697	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,310	1,817	1,241	1,410
September ..	1,308	1,697	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,295	1,814	1,229	1,402

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 35 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1939-40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	1,003	1,167	1,075	1,092	1,176	1,218	1,102
1942-43(b)	1,052	1,318	1,133	1,189	1,244	1,191	1,193
1943-44 (b)	1,056	1,323	1,135	1,193	1,284	1,191	1,200
1942-43—(b)							
April	1,058	1,292	1,147	1,182	1,279	1,191	1,188
May	1,043	1,300	1,146	1,180	1,279	1,191	1,188
June	1,068	1,316	1,142	1,195	1,279	1,191	1,201
1943-44—(b)							
July	1,053	1,339	1,138	1,200	1,290	1,191	1,205
August	1,026	1,329	1,133	1,189	1,290	1,191	1,196
September	1,035	1,339	1,135	1,193	1,290	1,191	1,199
October	1,037	1,332	1,136	1,190	1,290	1,191	1,197
November	1,044	1,317	1,134	1,186	1,290	1,191	1,193
December	1,060	1,317	1,134	1,192	1,289	1,191	1,198
January	1,071	1,311	1,134	1,193	1,289	1,191	1,200
February	1,074	1,305	1,134	1,191	1,289	1,191	1,198
March	1,064	1,305	1,134	1,187	1,289	1,191	1,195
April	1,075	1,310	1,134	1,194	1,289	1,191	1,201
May	1,068	1,320	1,134	1,196	1,289	1,191	1,203
June	1,069	1,338	1,134	1,204	1,288	1,193	1,210
1944-45—(b)							
July	1,084	1,367	1,135	1,222	1,288	1,197	1,226
August	1,095	1,363	1,139	1,225	1,288	1,197	1,229
September	1,094	1,344	1,138	1,216	1,288	1,202	1,221

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

NOTE.—Particulars have been revised since last issue.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1942-43		1943-44		1944-45	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July ..	1,134	1,139	1,145	1,148	1,194	1,195
1932-33	698	705	August ..	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157	1,193	1,195
1933-34	959	896	September ..	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152	1,219	1,219
1934-35	741	753	October ..	1,132	1,136	1,155	1,159	..	..
1935-36	942	946	November ..	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172	..	..
1936-37	1,155	1,144	December ..	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175	..	..
1937-38	1,024	1,022							
1938-39	821	834	January ..	1,138	1,143	1,173	1,176	..	..
1939-40	964	980	February ..	1,137	1,141	1,172	1,175	..	..
1940-41	1,026	1,039	March ..	1,142	1,147	1,173	1,176	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	April ..	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	May ..	1,142	1,147	1,192	1,192	..	..
1943-44	1,169	1,171	June ..	1,142	1,147	1,196	1,196	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unem- ployment among Trade Union- ists.
	Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). " B " Series.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Items of House- hold Ex- pendi- ture. " C " Series.			
Year—									%
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,519	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
Quarter—									
1934.									
September ..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,187	1,435	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December ..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,177	1,434	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.									
March	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,174	1,446	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,180	1,441	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,188	1,437	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,188	1,435	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.									
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.									
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	..	..	1.2

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Population (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,447	3,651,492
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,775	3,614,949
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,222	7,266,441
Births—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	149,295
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.65
Deaths—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	74,486
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	10.30
Marriages—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	67,673
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	9.36
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	9,280
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	155,728
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	16.78
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,497
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	21,532
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	14.38
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	450,615
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	8,278
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.92	18.37
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	284,592
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	6,885
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.68	24.19
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,359
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	3,116
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.28
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(b) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	140,209
Yield '000 tons	(b) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	483,561
Average yield tons	(b) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.45
Sugar-cane—Area (c) acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	240,988
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,692
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	19.47
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,422	130,307
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,862	19,789
Total gross value of all agricultural production £'000	15,519	16,988	23,835	23,774	81,890	74,489	94,451	110,083
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Sheep '000	65,093	106,421	72,400	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	124,615
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,005
Horses ..	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,518
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,563
Wool production (d) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,159	1,151,167
Butter ..	(e) (f) 42,315	(f) 103,747	(f) 103,747	(f) 212,074	(f) 267,071	390,654	375,694	383,171
Cheese ..	(e) (f) 10,131	(f) 11,845	(f) 15,887	(f) 32,653	31,423	67,520	80,940	80,940
Bacon and ham ..	(e) (f) 16,772	(f) 34,021	(f) 53,335	(f) 58,626	71,122	95,119	104,836	104,836
Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production .. £'000	29,538	39,256	36,890	72,883	119,399	103,018	184,856	205,441
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	12,000
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	5,624
Copper ..	714	387	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,666
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	896
Zinc ..	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,563
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,623
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	38,462
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	893,584	855,728
Factories—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	26,414
Hands employed .. No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	759,045
Wages paid .. £'000	(g)	(g)	(g)	27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	208,867
Value of production ..				51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	352,002
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	850,349

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy.
 (e) Not available. (f) Years ended December. (g) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

